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UN storm as Israel faces indictment

Britain backs massacre report

. DAVID USBORNE

New York and ERIC SILVER

A political storm erupted at the United Nations last night after a report which says the Israeli shelling of Lebanese civilians was not an accident went to the UN Security Council, Britain came abruptly to the defence of the UN as it was subjected to fierce criticism from Israel and the United States.

Israeli shells killed more than 100 people when they hit the Qana compound in southern Lebanon on 18 April, The crux of the UN report is that the pattern of impact left by the shells combined with other evidence made it "unlikely" that the shelling of the compound was the result of technical or procedural errors. The report was prepared for the UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, by two military advisors.

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Its publication, on Mr Boutros-Ghali's orders, triggered a diplomatic tempest. Israel continued to dismiss its principle conclusions as "ab-UN with telephone calls of protest. "I understand that fourletter words were used," remarked a senior diplomat in

There was unexpected support for the UN from Britain, which up until the report's publication had appeared sympathetic to American desires to see it stifled. Sir John Weston, the British ambassador in New York, said: "This is a very disturbing report that needs to be taken seriously and we hope that Israel will respond fully to it". A clear rift had opened vesterday between the US and

many European delegations.
Puncturing the normally staid
calm of UN headquarters, the
secretary-general's spokeswoman, Sylvana Foa, lashed out at the report's critics. "Let's be real clear. The report fulfilled an essential obligation of this organisation to investigate an in-cident in which 100 people were killed inside a UN base."

Asked why she had spoken out so forcefully, Ms Foa said she had been "provoked for the last 24 hours. I am sick of all the UN-bashing. I think the report is extremely balanced and extremely objective."

The report provoked a series of telephone calls to the office of Mr Boutros-Ghali from the US mission in New York, Senior sources said some of these were "acrimonious". It was one such that was said to have degenerated to an exchange of curses.

Israel, meanwhile, contin-ued to express its indignation yesterday. Speaking during a vis-



Boutros Boutros-Ghali: Gave order to publish report

it to Washington, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Ehud Barak, sought to discredit the report.
"I don't know if this is exactly what the secretary-general meant but the whole idea is absurd," he said.

"They were insinuating guilt without being able to prove it," said Uri Dromi an Israeli spokesman. "The fact that they couldn't establish categorically that it was intentional should have led them to present a factual report without laying the blame on our doorstep." Israel yesterday showed

video material from a pilotless drone flying in the vicinity of the camp. According to Mr Dromi, it was three miles from the camp on a different mission when the shells rained down.

There was no way in which it could see the camp, especially on a cloudy day," he said. "The shelling took place from six minutes past two to 13 minutes past two. It was only at 17 minutes past two that it was ordered to fly towards Qana. At 21 minutes past two it established contact with the camp for the first time. but the pictures were sketchy because of the cloud cover. It relayed pictures of the camp again at 2.30pm. The Israeli video was shown to the UN in New York ... before they published their findings."

Mr Dromi reiterated Israel's insistence that its soldiers did not know they were shooting at the UN camp, or that Lebanese refugees were sheltering there. "We thought we were shooting hundreds of yards away," he said. "It was because of faulty coordinates. Then some of the shells overshot...

"We believed at the time precisely as we could at Katyusha launchers and mortars that were endangering our forces. We had no intention of hitting the UN camp. We had no knowledge that there were civilians there."

In a television interview on

Tuesday, the Israeli Prime Minister. Shimon Peres, said Israel did not have the slightest idea that there were refugees in the UN hase. I think it was a scandal," he added, "that they were permitted into the camp without [the UN] letting us

know about it."

The Security Council meeting broke up with no agreement yesterday and will resume this morning to consider a resolution drafted by Lebanon which criticises Israel and demands compensation. 'I think it will be

Mandela buries terrible past of a nation



President Nelson Mandela and Deputy President F.W. de Klerk greet crowds outside the South African parliament yesterday after the country's new constitution was approved, finalising "the nation's rebirth from a horrible past". Full report, page 8

Photograph: Reuters

Druain says whating is immorat

NICHOLAS SCHOON

The Government yesterday said it was morally opposed to any resumption of commercial whaling. It is the first time it has declared an entire order of an-. imals to be totally off-limits for exploitation by humanity.

Even if whales can be humanely hunted without any threat to their populations, the UK will always oppose any slaughter of the huge marine mammals by other nations, said fisheries minister Tony Baldry.

The moratorium on commercial whaling is 10 years old this year, but two nations -Japan and Norway - continue to kill bundreds of minke whales ugly," said a senior diplomat. | every year at rand-Edited text of report, page 9 | and the North East Atlantic. every year in Antarctic waters

At next month's annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Aberdeen the two countries will be arguing that stocks have year long review involving the now recovered and management techniques improved to

whaling is acceptable and the moratorium should be lifted. For years, Britain's opposition had been based on the low state of the stocks following decades of over-exploitation, the cruelty of techniques such as explosive barpoons and elec-tric lances, and defects in the

the point where commercial

management of whaling.
Whalers might soon be able to counter all those objections. But Britain will still vote against any resumption at IWC meetines. "Commercial whaling is

our citizens and by Parliament." said Mr Baldry. His announcement follows a

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAFF), the For-eign Office and the Department of the Environment. "We've decided to make our stance more explicit," said a MAFF official. But the ministry

had no explanation of what makes whales so special. Its change of policy is based on public and cross-party opinion. The United States, New

Zealand and Australia have made similar declarations in recent years. Yesterday wildlife groups were surprised and de-lighted. James Martin-Jones of the Worldwide Fund for Nature

ment and a very welcome onc. Britain sold the last of its whaling ships and its IWC quotas to the Japanese in the late 1950s because stocks were so low that the industry was no

longer profitable.
The IWC was founded 50 years ago to exploit whales rationally, but it failed dismally. The great majority of its 39 member nations are now opposed to whaling and have no

opposed by the vast majority of said: "It's a dramatic develop- interest at all in what little remains of a once great industry. but the original aims of the commission and the treaty underpinning it remain in force. Any change to these would require un:mimity.

Britain's announcement increases pressure on Japan and Norway to witodraw from the commission. But if they did they would face international opprobrium, and the risk of trade sanctions from the US.

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Scott: Government twisted my words

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Sir Richard Scott yesterday accused the Government of "distortion" in the press pack it produced to head-off criticism after the report into the armsto-Iraq affair was published. In his only appearance before MPs to answer their questions on his mammoth report published two months ago, Sir Richard gave the Commons

isters' response to his report. He also startled the comnittee by claiming his assistant, Christopher Mutukumaru, a civil servant, had been threat-

ened that his career might suf-

fer if he continued to help the

judge. He refused to go into

In a series of answers to Dr Tony Wright, the Labour MP, he gave a completely contradictory view of his findings from that of the media briefing. He was Public Service Select Committee a damning critique of mintutionally improper happen?"

Dr Wright asked: "Did ministers behave in a way they shouldn't have behaved?" Sir Richard again replied "yes" The senior judge was asked "Was Parliament denied info mation constitutionally it ought to have had?" Again, the answer was in the affirmative.

Finally, he was asked if the Cabinet Office press hand-out claiming ministers were found by his report to have given ac-curate descriptions of policy on He refused to reveal who had

Sir Richard replied, forcefully: arms sales to Iran and Iraq was accurate? Sir Richard replied: "I don't think so, no."

Opposition MPs reacted angrily to the press pack, which in the absence of a summary from Sir Richard acted as an easy-toread guide for many commentators, claiming it was misrepre sentative. Yesterday, their view was upheld by Sir Richard.

During this evidence. Sir Richard lifted the veil on the hostility he and his colleagues faced from the rest of Whitehall.

home in the evening so they feel

made the threat to Mr Muttukumaru but said it came from 'a senior person". Sir Richard bad mentioned it in a letter to lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, accompanying his report. "Those concerned knew to what I was referring." he said. "I am not prepared to go into it in public." He added: "It was satisfac-

torily dealt with - my concerns were laid to rest. The threat, said Sir Richard, was that "Christopher Muttukumaru's career might suffer from the as-

sistance he was giving mc." The judge refused to agree with Opposition claims that the fall-out from his report had been disappointing. He had, he said, not been expecting any ministerial heads to have rolled. Resignations, he said, arose, from a build-up of political pressure not from actions within government.

While he accepted the press pack had been a distortion, he debate on his report.

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was satisfied with the Commons

Creche takes grannies back to childhood



GLENDA COOPER

Britain's first ever "granny creche", where people can leave elderly relatives, is due to open in Oxford this summer.

Employees of the Radcliffe Hospital NHS Trust can leave cupational therapists.

grandparents in a "stimulating. environment" with art classes. cookery, memory strategies and indoor hockey. There will also be outings to Blenheim Palace, shopping centres and pubs. The trust is running a pilot scheme with 20 places in an adapted day unit staffed by nurses and oc-

When the idea was first sug-gested by the occupational de-

partment it was "greeted with delight" by carers and their relatives, said Mike Fleming, the director of personnel: "Besides the advantage of proximity [to each other] they will be in a hos-pital with nursing care and no

worries about special feeds or dressings." he said.

The pilot scheme, emphasis-ing "dignity and quality of life", is free and will run from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. but it is hoped it will be extended to 8am to 8pm, seven days a week, if it is made permanent, fees of about £2 an hour will be charged. Lynch Mason, the occupational therapy services manag-

er, said there would be no lower age limit for the service. It will Terry Philpot editor of Combe open for "anyone who feels comfortable and wants to

go". Activities will be tailored to individuals: "We'll cater for people's interests whether that is art, sculpture, adult literacy or doing the crossword. "Cookery groups are ex-tremely popular and the elderplosaion among ciderly people. person could take a meal

they are contributing some-thing to the family," added Miss Mason. At the moment there are aimost 11 million people of pensionable age in Britain. That figure is expected to rise to al-

munity Care magazine said: "Any initiative which provides high standards of care for elderly people and takes the pressure off carers should be welcomed. We are ill-prepared for the coming population ex-

Charities representing pensioners expressed reservations. A spokeswoman for Help The Aged said: "We welcome initiatives to set up 'granny creches' hut they must be active places providing a stimulating environment, not just dumping grounds for elderly relatives.

IN BRIEF Work is bad for you

Ill-health caused, or exacerhated by, working conditions and environments costs 13 million working days a year and affects one in every eleven employees, employers were warned yesterday. Page 4

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Louis are subject to status and put available to persons under 15 years. Written orations available un request. Abber National and the Umbrella Couple winhol are tradenurks of Abber National plc. Abber House, Baker Street, London NW 1 o.S.L. last summer Mr Redwood has

not actually been able to do

anything, just talk about it. So,

naturally, the pamphlet is entitled "Action Not Words". Sitting up straight hehind a large table in the Palace of Westminster's elegant Jubilee room, Mr Redwood described these collected works as "a call to arms for the Conservative



didn't make the call to his own arms. Remarkably, for limbs belonging to a conviction politi-cian. Mr Redwood's arms refuse to join in his various crusades. No matter how the sentiments being uttered by the mouth cry out for support-Party". It is as well as that be ing gesticulations, the arms

crossed tightly over his ungeoerous midriff.

Not that the mouth is that keen either. Competing against the prehensile upper lip of the Prime Minister, the expressive pout of Mr Portillo, or the alternating "grim and grin" of Tony Blair, Mr Redwood's gob seems thin and expressionless. Every now and again a small, pink tongue will dart out and refresh the lips with a quick lick.
But the brain is there, and

that is what matters. It has a strategy too, this brain, and having the corporeal Redwood pop up shortly after yet anoth-

remain rigid against Mr er catastrophic election defeat small children, or a small child Redwood's booy flanks, or for his party is a part of it. With yourself. And you will recall that, in Disney's version of the the nation's press and a number of backbenchers in attendance (Messrs Brazier, Gill, Buzz-saw' Arnold and Riddick) Redwood can remind the a meal of the tray bero. No. not Shere Khan - a Portillo-like world of his blamelessness for magnificent blunderer - but the massacre and of all the Kaa, the snake, whose lack of "friendly advice" given to the arms and flickering tongue Prime Minister on a range of topics - and (though be does not say it) shunned. And when the make him a dead ringer for the

Final Defeat comes, and

Majorism and all its works are

ically.

Like the cartoon serpent.

Redwood invites his prey to sit swept aside, to whom shall the devastated party then turn? amongst his coils and to listen If all this sounds vaguely to that special, hypnotic song, trust in meeee, just in meeee. familiar to you, the chances are that you are either a parent of

Kaa would have cut taxes by now - and there is still time! Kaa would have oot ooe, but two referenda oo Europe - it is not too late! Action, not wordsss!

And there is another similarity, for - also like Kaa -Redwood somehow contrives to be omnipresent. Is there a clearing where a couple of disgruntled Tories are discussing divorce? Listen for the rustle in the overgrowth, and watch as a Redwood coil lowers itself from the banyan above. Are Daily Mail leader writers fulminating about education? A slight slith-ering sound, and one little eye appears, unblinking, from be-bind a nearby creeper. On

health, defence, the elderly, law and order, the family, whatever - the whole schtick - Kaa has been moving sinuously, softly hissing to anyone who will listen, "psssttt! Want a policy?".

And many do. The old story has it that there once was a tribe of 3ft pigmies - the Fekawe - who inhabited a land of 4ft-tall grasses. All day long they would dash around blindly, growing ever more exhausted, defiantly yelling: "We're the Fekawe!". How unnecessary. Today's Fekawe - Britain's bewildered and bleeding Conservatives have only to ask Kaa. He knows He will lead them.

Inquiry call over soldier's suicide

Gulf war veterans demanded a public inquiry vesterday after a former soldier with post traumatic stress disorder killed himself in his jail cell. John Callaghan, 28, of St Helens, was found hanging from a mouse made from his trainer laces in the hospital wing at Strangeways Prison, Manchester.

The former Gulf soldier with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers had served less than a month of a two-year sentence for drugs offences. Major Ian Hill of the Gulf War Veterans' Association said he had been diagnosed by consultant psychiatrists at his trial as suffering from PTSD and the authorities had been warned he was a suicide risk.

Flight challenge

Three Britons left for a pioneering 16,000-mile flight around Africa in a light plane. Marketing executive Lord Edward Manners, banker Johnny Beveridge and photographer Dan Stevens hope to be the first to circumnavigate the continent in a single-engined aircraft. They left Oxford airport in their Cessua for Tangier, where the challenge will begin.

Girls found safe

Two teenage girls who van-ished from their boarding school eight days ago were Kirsty Ann Boyd and Ailcen McGhie, both aged 15, turned up in Inverness, 200 miles from Lomond School near Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire. "Both are safe and well and will be reunited with their parents," a police spokeswoman said.

Ostrich case delay

An attempt to wind up the Ostrich Farming Corporation, which has attracted thousands of investors, was adjourned in the High Court and is expected to be heard before August. The Department of Trade and Industry issued the petition against the company, which is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office after taking millions of pounds by claiming it can provide annual returns of 51.6 per cent on investments.

Darwin home sold.

The house where Charles Darwin wrote The Origin Of Species has been bought by English Heritage. The Lottery Fund-awarded £1.783m for the restoration of Down House near Biggin Hill, Reot, his home for 40 years until his death in 1892. Darwin wrote his treatise on the survival of the fittest in the study of the bouse, which also contains his papers and some of his equipment.

E-cash is a winner

An electronic replacement for cash has been declared a success after a pilot scheme attracted more than 10,000 users. The two-year trial of Mondex, which stores and transfers money by smartcard. began in Swindon, Wiltshire last July. New figures show a 21 per cent take-up among customers of NatWest and Midland banks, which developed the system with BT. If the same response was achieved nationally there would be 2.5m Mondex users.

Appeal to mother

Police appealed to a mother who abandoned her two-hourold baby in a hospital laundry trolley to come forward. The baby girl has been named Rosie after Italian nurse Naomi Rosunally, who found her early on Tuesday wrapped in a pink baby blanket outside a geriatric ward in the grounds of Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, east London. A hospital spokesman said: "She is a beautiful baby with blonde bair and lovely blue eyes. All the nurses are absolutely doting on her."

A signal event

One of the last communities in Britain without television is to hold a festival devoted to the arts and crafts which flourish in its absence. The 102 villagers of Thixendale, deep in a valley in the Yorkshire Wolds where reception is impossible, will celebrate pottery, tile-making, local history, music, art and woodwork. The aim is to raise £10,000 - to beam a television signal into the village.

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Hamilton role 'close to paid advocacy'

CHRIS BLACKHURST and JOHN RENTOUL

A former Conscrvative minister is being paid by private firms specifically to approach ministers on their behalf about possible Government contracts and to book House of Commons dining rooms for corporate entertainment.

The description of Sir Archie Hamilton's role, spelt out in letters from, amongst others, City investment bank Merrill Lynch and WS Atkins, a firm of consultant engineers, seems to come close to "paid advocacy", which was categorically banned under the new Commons rules

voted in last November. Under the new, post-Nolan rules, MPs must make publicly available any consultancy agree-ments relating to their work at Parilament. Sir Archie's agreements provide a rare insight into what MPs do for their money. A study of their contracts by the Independent shows that Sir Archie, the MP for Epsom and Ewell, has been the most forthright in setting out his duties. Unlike Sir Archie, most of the others contain generalities and

have made a point of excluding paid advocacy.
Sir Archie. a former defence and transport minister, receives £12,000 a year from Merrill Lynch, the giant US bank which is handling the overseas sale of shares in the Railtrack privatisation and has submitted a bid

for surplus armed forces hous-A letter from the bank to Sir Archic, a member of the executive of the Conservative 1922 Committee, has been placed on file at the Commons. Dated 29 March, 1996, it states: "We expect you to identify commercial opportunities for the company, sometimes these may be in the field of Private Finance Initiatives but also such other opportunities that you may find ...

The letter continues: "We

to approach ministers and other MPs on our behalf to extend invitations to them and to influence the formation of poli-

In another letter, from WS Atkins, Mr Hamilton is told: We look to you for belp and advice in methods of approaching ministers for the purpose of discussing policy in areas such as the Private Fi-

nance Initiative." The Conservative Party's embarrassment over the publicatioo this week of the new register under the more stringent rules is further increased by evidence that some Tory MPs have reclassified their clients in what would appear to be an attempt to avoid declar-

ing fees. Nirj Deva, the MP for Brentford and Isleworth and a parliameotary private secretary to the Scottish Office, bas changed the category under which he declares his consultancy work for

three large companies. In last year's Register, he disclosed that he was a consultant to Rothmans, the cigarette company, Laing, the builders, and KHD, the power station equipment company, in his capacity

But this year, he names the same companies under "remunerated employment", claiming that he does not have to declare his fees because, in effect, they would employ him whether or not be were an MP.

In the 1995 Register, they are classified as clients for whom he "provides services which depend essentially upon or arise out of membership of the House [of Commons]*. Mr Deva said yesterday that he had acted for the companies before he became an MP in 1992, and that he had never been employed in his capacity as an MP. Sir Archie was not available

for comment yesterday. Andrew Marr, page 15



former Welsh secretary,

both physically and metaphor-

Grecian seeking compensation over his arms-to-Iraq-ordeal

South African court and

described as "unacceptable".

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Paul Grecian, the businessman who successfully fought at-tempts by the US to extradite him on arms-to-Iraq charges, is planning to bring claims for compensation against Customs and Excise and the American authorities.

Immediately upon his return to Britain from South Africa, where he has spent five months fighting attempts by the US to extradite him, Mr Grecian said. he would now be turning his attention to the Sir Richard Scott's arms-to-Iraq report and its comments about his case.

Along with two colleagues from his former high-tech eu-gineering firm, Ordtech, Mr Grecian was convicted at Reading Crown Court in 1992 of supplying a fuse assembly line to

The men subsequently appealed and their convictions charges were thrown out by a were quashed in December last year because the Government had withheld vilal defence

evidence from their trial

There would be little, be said, be would do differently again.

Criticism that witnesses were not allowed legal representation

was misplaced. They had "all the

legal advice they wished", he said. They had legal assistance throughout at public expense

The only thing they did not have

FROM PAGE 1.

As soon as he won the appeal, Mr Grecian flew to Johnannesburg with his South African fiancee, only to be arrested to face similar charges brought in

Yesterday, looking tired and drawn, Mr Grecian said that he had expected to be in jail for the remainder of the year resisting

Now that he was free, he

would be studying the Scott re- been motivated by spite. Scott report words 'were twisted'

> Attacks on the inquiry from Lord Howe, the former Foreign Secretary, were described as "profoundly misguided." He proposed the creation of

a new watchdog, to advice Parliament on whether ministers were properly claiming public interest as a reason for not an-

was the right of lawyers to swering MPs' questions. Sir cross-examine other witnesses. Richard also wanted fuller information to be made available

port - which was highly critical of his original prosecution brought by Customs and Excise. Mr Grecian accused the US

and South African authorities

of "not having acted with great faith". Before leaving for South

Africa, he was assured it was

safe for him to travel. The US

prosecution, he claimed, had

about arms sales. He had barsh words for the refusal by the Government to detail arms deals which were backed by export credits using public money. The public, he said, had a right to know what

son's local MP, the Conservative John Redwood, who had not shown much interest. Joining him at a Westminster press conference, Mrs Clwyd said that it was time for the Government "to make amends for the many years that Paul Grecian has lost and been branded a criminal in a situation involv-

Mr Grecian paid tribute to his

father, John, and Ann Clwyd.

the Labour MP, who cam-

paigned tirelessly on his behalf. Mrs Clwyd forced an adjourn-

ment debate in the Commons

on his case and pressed the For-

eign Office, South African High

in London on the issue. Her ef-

forts, said Mr Grecian's father,

were in stark contrast to his

commission and US Emhassy

ing a government cover-up". Mr Grecian said he now hoped to get back on his feet commercially and start up in

immediately yesterday that it

was to oppose the Commission's

new proposal. However, Ger-

man opposition alone will not

be enough to block a vote to ease the ban.

stood to have decided yesterday

to make the proposal next week

in the believe that there will be

enough votes on the committee

to be considering its position, in view of the continuing slump in

beef sales across the country.

Sources in Bonn made clear that

much more is expected of

Britain if consumer confidence

However, France is still said

for it to pass.

The Commission is under-

Tory civil war reignites

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Civil war crupted in the Tory Party over Europe again last night, as John Redwood disclosed he is seeking to hroker a deal between the Government and Sir James Goldsmith, the international financier, over a

In a bid to end the threat to Tory seals at the general election by the Referendum Party, Mr Redwood said he would discuss with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, his plans for a referendum on Europe to be held on the same day as the general election.

Mr Redwood's pressure for a referendum came as the divisions in the Tory party were exposed again over the European issue with Edwina Currie, the pro-Euro Tory MP, attack-ing demands by Theresa Gor-man and Euro-sceptic colleagues as "completely lu-

David Howell, leader of the One Nation group of Tory MPs, warned colleagues they had "lost the power of argument and found only the power of abuse". Lord Parkinson said the Eurorebels were only damaging the

Tory party's prospects.

Disclosing that the One Nation group would publish its own manifesto bids within days, Mr Howell condemned as "deplorable" Euro-sceptics who were "calling themselves Conservatives but unable to conduct

themselves as such". Labour last night announced it would seek to exploit the Tory splits by forcing a vote next week on the Common Agricultural Policy in an annual debate, on which there is normally no di-

John Prescott, the Labour deputy leader, said: "John Ma jor is trying to control the uncontrollable. It is difficult not to feel sorry for him. Attacked from left and right, ignored by

Partial beef ban reprieve likely SARAH HELM and COLIN BROWN

The chance of a slight easing of the worldwide ban on British beef increased yesterday when the European Commission said it would make proposals to modify the ban next week.

Downing Street disclosed that John Major bad told the European Commission President, Jacques Santer, that Britain would seek an emergency summit over the beef crisis, if no progress was made. But after the easing of the ban, the Prime Minister's office was playing down that prospect.

Ministers were relieved that they had brokered the first signs of progress through care-ful negotiation, and privately said that the "Euro-bashing" by Euro-sceptic Tory MPs and sections of the British press had set back Britain's case, and had cost millions of pounds in lost busi-ness in the beef industry.

Franz Fischler, the agriculture commissioner, is to recommend to member states that gelatine, tallow and semen be excluded from the ban.

However, officials in Brussels were quick to caution against any expectation that the move could signal an early lifting of the ban itself.

The decision on whether to ease the ban will be made at a special meeting next week of the standing veterinary committee, consisting of veterinary experts from each member state. Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-

ture Minister, said the council of ministers was reductant to lift the ban because it was concerned about political opinion in members' home countries. Asked about a possible summit, he said: "Let's see what develops. I am anxious to see progress at the standing veterinary committee."

A qualified majority will be necessary if the change is to be agreed. Germany indicated

> Even the lifting of the ban on gelatine, tallow and semen would only be carried out once Britain had agreed to a series of strict measures governing the production of these sub-

stances. It has been made clear to Britain that if it hopes to win any further concession from the Commission and other member states it must speed up its proposed slaughter programme and produce oew proof that control measures are firmly in place to ensure no infected meat could enter the food

in Germany is to be reassured. Politically it remains impossible for the German authorities to be seen to be supporting any easing of the ban, German

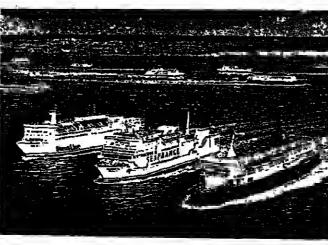
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Sainsbury's is to follow Tesco and Safeway with the launch of a oationwide loyalty card in a bid to revive its flagging fortunes and declining market share.

The decision marks a U-turn by the company, whose chair-man David Sainsbury dismissed loyalty eards as "electronic Green Shield stamps" wheo Tesco launched its Clubcard scheme a year ago. The card oow has more than 5 million members and has helped Tesco. replace Sainsbury as Britain's largest supermarket chain.

ainsbury's announced the plans yesterday along with its financial results for last year which showed that profits fell for the first time in its 22 years on the stock market. Profits fell from £809m to £712m and its sales increases are continuing to lag behind arch rival Tesco and the much-improved Asda.

The latest market share fig-

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Advertising is an "absolutely vital" weapon in the battle for customer loyalty currently being waged among Britain's supermarket glants. Stefano Hatfield, editor of the advertising industry magazine Campaign assesses their efforts.

SAINSBURY'S Slogan – "Everyone's Good Food Costs Less Stars include Lauren Bacall

The celebraty recipe campaign worked in that sales of the ems mentioned rose, but it also had the same effect in rival stores. It was very classify done and if there is a criticism, it is that it reinforced the middleclass image when people were looking for value for money."

ahead with a UK share of 21.2 per cent, compared to Sainsbury's 18.5 per cent.

The discount card will be launehed in the oext two months hut the company has oot yet released any details on how it will operate. It is also planning a Sainsbury's credit card and other financial services which could include deposit

Siogan – "Every Little Helps". Stars – Prunella Scales and lane Horrocks: Since the Dudley Moore cam-

nign, Tesco has really led the paign, Tesco has reany acture way, it managed to change from its 'pile it high, sell it cheap' image to a company with quality connotations, which it had previously lacked. "Every Little Helps' is the cam-

paign that has set the agenda. And of course the Clubcard has been very successful. accounts, pensions and Personal Equity Plans. Budgens

launched its own Visa card earlier this year and Tesco is working with Nat West Bank on the launch of a branded credit card and deposit account. The card war is the latest in a string of initiatives that the su-

permarket groups are using in

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'It's all about price at Asda

with 'Pocket the Difference'

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of those ads which is so bad

that it becomes impossible not

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solutely nowhere with Harry. He everybody's favourite little boy. The British public love all and cute. I have to admit, I cannot remember much about the advertisement except that Harry is in it. But it is definitely working, especially in targeting young couples. market share. However, analysts

feel Sainsbury's may be too late to reap the benefits of a new card. Tony MacNeary, food re-tail analyst at Nat West Securities, said: "Coming third behind Tesco and Safeway, one has to wonder how much bang for their buck they are going to get."
The company blamed the shump on a more competitive reare now up to 70 per cent of their level before the scare. Mr Sainsbury admitted that

the figures were a disappointment. "We doo't think it has been a satisfactory performance and we haveo't done as well as we should. We have lost the marketing battle." He pledged to be "more aggressive" with a combination of price campaigns

and customer service measures. Mr Sainsbury denied that the launch of a nationwide lovalty card represented a personal climb-down. "We've never been against loyalty cards in principal. What we were concerned about is that any card should offer real benefits to customers. We think we have found a way price-cutting campaigns and fewer store openings. Other costs have included trading to do that."

Sainsbury's has been oper-ating a Saver Card in some stores since 1992. Its Homebase loyalty card has more than 5 mil-

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Doctor named boy's sex killer to police

MICHAEL STREETER

A leading psychiatrist put aside patient confidentiality to tell police he suspected a man of the murder of nine-year-old Daniel Handley, the Old Bailey

heard yesterday.

The expert oo child sexual abuse - ideotified only as Dr B - said he had "oo hesitation" in informing detectives about the sexual fantasies of Timothy Morss after being told by his wife of a BBC TV Crimewatch programme on Daniel's murder, Asked by John Bevan, pros-

ecuting, if he had agonised with his conscience over the decision, the doctor replied; "On the matter of the murder of a child and child protection there was no hesitation on my part." The man he named, Morss 33, and co-de-fendant Brett Tyler were arrested days later. Morss has admitted the murder. His former lover Tyler, 30, admits abducting and sexually assaulting Daniel, but denies murder-

ing him on 2 October 1994. Dr B, said to be national expert on child sexual abuse, told the jury that Morss had become his client after a recommendation by Morss's friend and later lover David Guttridge, 59. Morss and Tyler were in Wormwood Scrubs prison at the time, serving seoences for sexual offences.

Morss, who was more curious than a willing participant in sessions, had described to Dr B his fantasy of abducting and murdering a pre-pubesceot boy aged 8 to 13. The boy had to have blood hair and blue eyes. "He was very specifie about that," said Dr B. "The fantasy was to find a boy, a small boy with blond hair and blue eyes, take him in a van, abduct him, hugger him and then kill him

and dispose of the body. A month later, nn 19 May 1995, Dr B was told of the Crimewatch programme on the murder of Daniel, whose body had been found buried in woods oear Bradley Stoke, Bristol. He was "sufficiently concerned" to cootact police and later heard from another psychiatrist. who was treating Guttridge, that Guttridge and Morss might be trying to leave the country.

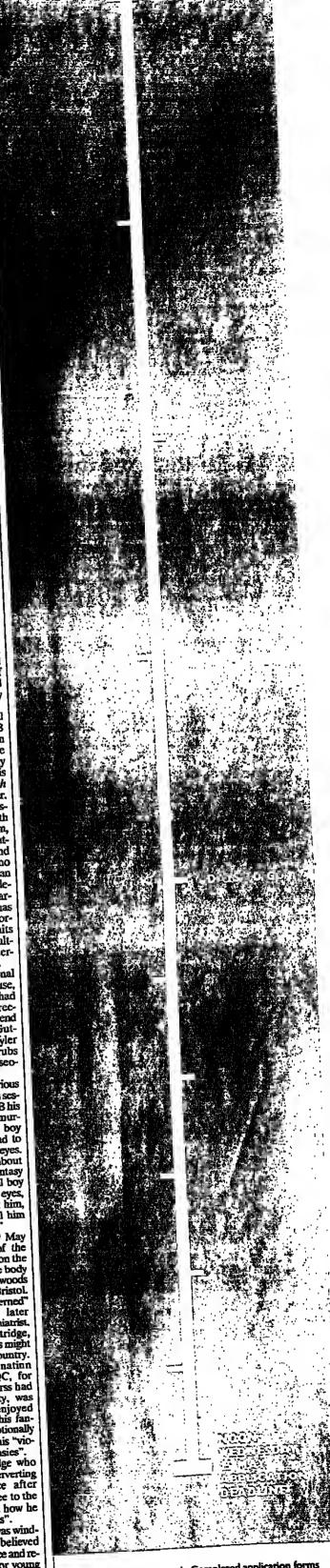
Uoder cross-examinatinn from Rock Tansey, QC, for Tyler, Dr B agreed Morss had powerful personality, was brash, sadistic and enjoyed shocking people with his fan-tasies. He had been emotionally cold while describing his "violent paedophiliac fantasies".

Earlier, Mr Guttridge who awaits sentencing for perverting the course of justice after paying for Morss to flee to the Philippines, described how he had hated Tyler's guts". He believed Tyler was wind-

ing up Morss, who believed sex was about vengeance and revenge, over his love for young boys. But he agreed that while Morss was capable of killing a child, he did not believe Tyler could. Guttridge, who had also been in Wormwood Scruhs told the jury that Morss confessed to him about the killing after Daniel's body was found. but he "could not or would not" believe it of a man be had lived with and loved.

have abducted Daniel close to his home in Beckton, east London, taken him to a flat where they videoed having sex with him, and then strangled and buried the boy near the home Morss shared with Guttridge.

Morss and Tyler are said to



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Heavy duty: Shire horses in Hyde Park, London, yesterday. Used for labour in the royal parks until made redundant by the petrol engine in the 1950s, heavy horses are now to return to active duty – for harrowing, haymaking and haulage

recorded on meningitis boy's death

A coroner last night recorded an open verdict into the death of a 15-year-old boy who was allegedly refused life-saving treatment at a cash-starved hospital and later died from a meningitis-related disease. The Birmiogham inquest

heard that oft oin tall basketball player James Hoccom, of Soli-hull, West Midlands, was taken to the town's hospital by his parents late on 14 October last year. His father, Bill, a company di-rector, said that James was a

strong, healthy young man, but had been apparently suffering from flu after an outbreak at Solihull Boys' School which had affected several classmates. He was seen by his GP but his condition deteriorated and meningitis was suspected by the family. When they arrived at Solihuli Hospital, Mr Hoccom said he pleaded with a doctor to administer life-saving penicillin, but was told that because of his

age James was a paediatric case. Solihull Hospital had closed its children's ward last July before controversial plans to merge Solibull and Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham were announced and £7m cuts ordered at Solihull. Doctor Nuria Gonzales, the senior house officer who examined James at Solihull, said

the policy was to transfer paediatric patients to Heartlands which was 10 miles away. James was transferred two hours after arriving at Solihuli, but despite the efforts of medical staff he died after a collapse at 4.30am. The coroner, Dr Richard Whittington, said he could find no evidence that the delay in administering antibiotics had directly caused James's death, and that he died as a result of

Open verdict Parents told to raise money to save teachers from sack

Parents have been forced to dip into their own pockets to prevent two teachers being axed at their children's school. Governors at Hagley Middle

School, in Hereford and Worcester, sent a letter in parents of the 510 pupils asking them to make a voluntary donation of £40 per child to save the teaching posts. The letter from the gover-

oors' chairmao, James Cowlishaw, said the school needed £26,000 to avoid making compulsory redundancies. The scheme proved successful. Parents have oow received

ernors saying the redundancy programme has been cancelled.
The governors' original let-

a second letter from the gov-

ter a fortnight ago said: "Com-mitment by 100 per cent of parents is essential for the pro-

IMMEDIATE response is of 27 full- and part-time teachers. paramount importance.

The letter warned redundancy notices would be issued by half-term on 24 May unless the governors were certain funding would he available to meet the school's running costs.

Parents were told to pay the £40-per-child donation in three installments, starting this term. Those in genuine hardship were advised to contact the headmaster, Colin Millett, who "will give sympathetic consideration to your personal circumstances, in strict confidence".

Governors first sounded out parents about the idea at a meeting to discuss the school's financial crisis a month ago.

The school, whose motto is "Quality Education through A Caring Partnership", was found-

During the past three years governors had used up the school's £50,000 reserve to maintain staff levels oo a reduced budget.

In the second letter from the governors, which parents received this week, Mr Cowlishaw and Mr Millett said parental contributions and other savings had enabled the school to produce a balanced hudget. The redundancy programme has, therefore, been cancelled". Hereford and Worcester's ed-

ucation hudget this year is £227m, which is used to teach more than 100,000 pupils.

The county's principal education officer, Dr Eddie Oram,

claimed in real terms the authority received £12m less from the Government than three

bers had risen by almost 4,000 over the same period.

We are one of the lowest funded counties in England and Wales and we just don't have the resources to give schools the amount of money they had three years ago," he said. "Hagley decided this was a realistic way forward and the idea met with a positive re-

The issue has divided parents in the middle-class village, near Kidderminster.

"I'm appalled to he honest," said a secior hospital hiochemist. Steve Harper, who has one son at the school.

We will pay it but it seems a hit of a cheek on top of all the other bills." Another parent, Jane Tandy, said: "I feel we were slightly hlackmailed but we had

Free schooling a thing of the past posals to proceed and an

State education is no longer always free. The jumble sale and the summer fair, which used to provide the icing on the school cake, are now providing the sta-

In the last three years, the mooey raised by parents to-wards school books and equipment has more than doubled in 1992, the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations estimated that around £55m was raised each year through parents' efforts. Last year they reckoned that the fig-

ure had reached £110m. As the squeeze on school funding has intensified, parents have turned to fund-raising not just to provide extra library books and computers but to build new toilet blocks and to pay for teachers. Many

schools now have to ask parents for contributions towards essential equipment. The principle that fund-raising should be for noo-essential purposes has been largely abandoned.

Hagley Middle School is not the first to resort to parental cootributions to fund teachers. Last year pareots at a primary school near Northampton were told they must pay £1 a week for each of their children or see a teacher made redundant. At Welford and Sulby village school, parents were asked to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of lunch-time supervision. As early as 1992, two schools announced that

they were levying parents to pay teachers. St Paul's school in Dorking, Surrey, asked for a F30 levy and Avenue primary school in Sutton, Surrey, £100. Funding teachers remains

highly cootroversial. Parents and governors are resigned to paying for books, furniture, mini-buses and computers but most are still reluctant to commit themselves to supporting a teacher. In part this is a wish to avoid recurrent spending in uncertain times: some teachers paid for in this way have been made redundant after a year.

It is also an objection to pay-ing for items which most schools believe should be supplied centrally. Governors argue that too much fuod-raising will reinforce the divisions hetween schools with affloent parents

and those in poor areas. They argue that it introduces fee-paying by the hack door.
Some schools are employing

professional fund-raisers to hring in anything from £50,000 to £500,000. One comprehensive in Lancashire raised £155,000 towards a sports hall. Parents were asked to make covenants to the school. Ministers have not condoned parental fund-raising for teach-

ers but have made plain their wish to encourage schools to attract money from the private Figures released this week by the EU show that Britain spends a lower percentage of its national wealth on educatioo

than any other European state.

Judith Judd | The case continues.

One in every 11 people suffers from ill-health caused, or of asthma among hakery workexacerbated by, their working ers exposed daily to flour dust. conditions and environment, employers were warned yesterday at the launch of the ness", will focus on small- and higgest health in the workplace medium-sized enterprises with initiative to date.

Each year at least 750,000 workers take 13 million days off because of work-related illness at a total cost to the taxpayer of around £4 -5bn.

This includes compensation claims, loss of business due to bad publicity, and the need to retrain or recruit new staff, the Health and Safety Executive

Frank Davies, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, acknowledged that its campaign could lead to more lit-igation by workers against their employers but that this could be "a good thing", he said. "Workers should draw matters to the attention of employers because everyone should be involved in the promotion of good health."

Sir John Harvey Jones, the former ICI chairman and now celebrity management guru, who features in the HSE campaign video, said it was a 'crime" that any worker should suffer work-related illness.

A 1990 Labour Force Survey in England and Wales found that musco-skeletal disorders strains, sprains, hack problems - were the most frequently reported problem with 600,000 cases; this was followed by stress/depression (100,000); deafness/other ear conditions (100,000); lower respiratory tract diseases (80,000 - one quarter of which were asthma); contact 0345 181819.

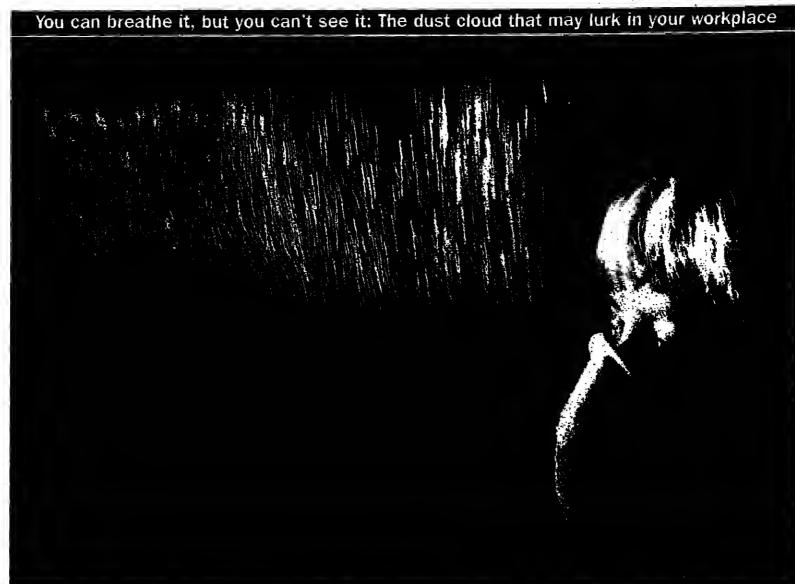
and skin disease (55,000 cases). One of the problems highlighted at the press launch in London yesterday, was the risk

The HSE's £1.5m campaign. "Good Health is Good Busiup to 200 employers, but will also involve GPs and other health professionals who can influence employers. A television advertising campaign be-gins tomorrow highlighting the dangers of vibration, dust, noise, repetitive movements, and han-dling of chemicals.

David Eves, deputy director general of the HSE, said it action", against employers who put their workforce at risk.

There had been 260 prose cutions under the 1988 Coshh (Control of substances hazardous to health) regulations. Mr Eves said, and the first custodial sentence had recently been imposed on the director of a company which had reckless ignored safety advice while dismantling a huilding con-

Ann Holgarth, a former nurse who was forced to give up work in 1990 because of a severe back injury, urged better education for employers and employees on how to avoid musco-skeletal problems. Ms Holgarth fell on the ward hut continued working. 'Apart from my ill health, I suffered job bereavement - nursing was my pro-fession and something that I had always wanted to do and that was taken away from me... For a free "Good Health is Good Business" campaign pack



An experiment to show the amount of invisible dust that can be present in a working atmosphere carried out yesterday to mark a Health and Safety Executive initiative on health at work. It warned employers would be prosecuted if they endangered staff

Photograph: Colin McKillop

'Yuppie flu' costs £2 billion

So-called Yuppie Flu could be costing Britain more than £2bn a year in lost working days and medical expenses, a report claimed yesterday. Urgent goverament action is needed to address the problem of Myal-gic Ecephalomyelitis (ME). also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, said sufferers' charities.

A survey of 3,000 members of Action for ME and the ME Association showed that £700m was paid each year on disshility and unemployment benefits to sufferers.

Another £600m was lost to the Government in national insurance and tax revenue. while £138m was spent on treatment and medical services. Up to £2bn in salaries, wages and other costs was taken out of the economy as a result of sufferers giving up work and being made redundant.

ME, characterised by extreme exhaustion and lethargy, is a controversial condition still frequently dismissed as a mental rather than a physical problem. About 150,000 people in Britain said to be affected by the illness, some sufferers wheelchair or bed bound for years.

The survey, published during International ME Awareness Week, showed that women with the condition outnumbered men by three to one, and 56 per cent of sufferers were aged between 35 and 54.

Tycoon admits 'stupid' affairs |£1.8m spent on failed housing plan

Owen Oyston, the multi-millionaire accused of raping two teenage girls, yesterday admitted having a series of secret affairs with young models. He told the jury at Liverpool

Crown Court: "I owned Miss World at the time. If I wanted young beautiful women they weren't hard to find." The 62-year-old tycoon told

the ninth day of his trial that he 1988, six years after they were divorced. Helen Grindrod, QC, prosecuting, questioned him

1993. He admitted having a sexual relationship with four of them. "It wasn't excessive, It was no more than an average person. I realise now I have been pretty stupid. I didn't ever have to take advantage of any women. It wasn't necessary," said Mr Oyston, the chairman of Blackpool Football Club.

Mrs Grindrod said: "You had remarried his wife Vicky in were so used to having your own way you didn't hother to ask whether they consented or not?" Mr Oyston replied: "I about six girls, all models, whom have always had a great respect bed, where she was raped. Mr

he knew between 1989 and for women. I have employed 1993. He admitted having a sexthousands of them. I have always promoted them within my own organisation. My character is totally without blemish."
Mr Oyston, of Claughton
Hall, near Lancaster, is alleged

to have raped the first girl when she was 18 on his fourposter bed in his secluded mansion. The second girl, 16 at the time, claims she was forced to have oral sex in the back seat of a car and then watched Mr Oyston have sex with another girl before joining them on the

Oyston denies two rapes and a

charge of indecent assault. Mr Oyston claimed he had a long-standing affair with the first girl. He said he had spent thou-saids of pounds on her over the years and that she regularly stayed with him at the Hilton Hotel in London's Mayfair. Earlier Mr Oyston, a life-long

Labour supporter, repeated his claim that he was the victim of a long running conspiracy, by, two former government minis-ters. Lord Blaker and South Ribble MP Robert Atkins The case continues.

Mr Curry told Mr Raynsford a "clerical error" by the Hous-ing Corporation, which channels

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Government has admitted £1.8m of taxpayers' money was spent in an unsuccessful campaien to persuade council tenants to transfer their homes to a housing association, at a cost of £12,000 for each vote cast in

In the vote in August last year, the proposal by Torbay, parliamentary answer he gave Tenants' Housing Association to take over property in Torquay, error, and understated the

of the 2,000 tenants. Only 150 voted in favour.

Nick Raynsford, Labour's housing spokesman, yesterday wrote to Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, to ask him to investigate the "ex-travagant and ineffective use of public money". He made his demand after receiving a letter from David Curry, the housing minister. This revealed that a

four months ago contained an

ciations, meant "the wrong figures were added together". I can only apologise for this mistake. Obviously there was no intention whatsoever to mislead you, or the House, and I am taking the earliest opportunity to

correct the figures Mr Raynsford demanded also to know why the Corporation's accounting system was "so inadequate that a mistake on

public money to housing asso-

The Torbay ballot was held under the "Tenants' Choice" legislation put through by the late Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment under Margaret Thatcher.

But the scheme has failed to "set tenants free" from council landlords, Fewer than 1,000 homes have been transferred after only five successful ballots. Only seven ballots were held under the legislation, of which Torbay was the largest, at a cost of £4.2m to the taxpayer. The Government is repealing the scheme in the Housing Bill.

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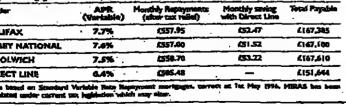
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Cave divers come up for air to celebrate 60 years of sport



Going under: Cave diver Mike Barnes in the modern garb of wetsuit and aqualung

A celebration of 60 years of the sport of cave diving will take place in the caves where it all started - Wookey Hole in the River Axe, Somerset.

MICHAEL PRESTAGE

Next weekend will see more than 160 cave divers gather to mark the eod of the 60th year since Graham Balcombe and Penelope Powell plunged into the river and also the 50th anniversary of the British Cave Diving Group, the world's first cave diving club.

Guest of honour at the celebrations will be Mr Balcombe, now 89, wearing the beavy and cumbersome diving equipment made for that first exploration of the underwater caverns at Wookey Hole in July

He said "It was very fright ening and very exciting. We had practised for weeks. I went into the water with a great deal of trepidation. I was wired up by the BBC to give a commentary on what was happening and they all got very worried when they lost the link with me as to why I was affected by air bubbles. He had been a keen rock Photograph: Christopher Jones climber and caver and it was an



Pioneers: Penelope Powell and Graham Balcombe on the first cave dive at Wookey Hole, Somerset, in 1935

obvious progression to want to explore the caverns hidden beneath the Mendip hills. When we eventually sur-

faced we found caverns the

size of a cathedral, which today have been opened up by means. of a tunnel so that visitors can walk through them." he said. Equipment used in the orig-

inal dives was far removed from the wetsuit and aqualung divers used today. A long tube delivered air from a large pump into the massive brass belinet. The divers were a canvas and rubber suit and boots with lead weights to prevent them rising

to the surface. "I envy the divers of today and the wonderful equipment they have, although it is still an exciting and tricky operation. said Mr Balcombe. "There are still large caves at Wookey Hole that are the preserve of the cave

The original dive was from chamber three. Current exploration has reached chamher 25 where there is a sumn over 70 metres deep. Robert Parker, a diver, currently holds the world record depth for cave diving in that sump with a dive

Martin Grass, spokesman for the British Cave Diving Group, said; "Wookey Hole has always been the meeca for British cave divers, and has often been the site for pushing the frontiers of the sport, whether through the use of new technical equipment or human en-

Mother gets 5 years for killing girl

daughters and poisooed an- tenced by your lordship as a useother while suffering severe personality problems was jailed for five years yesterday by a judge who said he did so "with a heavy heart" because no other course was available to him.

Celia Beckett was convicted at Nottingham Crown Court last October of poisoning daughter Tracey, four. She was also found guilty of an earlier attempt to poisoo Tracey and administering anti-depressant tablets to another daughter, Debbie. She had admitted cruelty.

Mr Justice Garland, sitting at the High Court, yesterday sentenced Beckett to five years for manslaughter, five years for administering a noxious substance to Tracey, four years for administering a coxious substance to Debbie, and six months for wilful neglect, all to

run concurrently.

The judge said that he was unable to make an order under the Mental health Act because Beckett was not diagnosed as mentally ill. "I don't see probation as a viable alternative simply because the offences are so serious. What I do with a heavy heart is to impose a period of imprisonment," he said. Oliver Blunt, for the defence, said Beckett felt re-

A mother who killed ooe of her morse. "She appears to be senless, incompetent and negligent mother." Mr Blunt said several doctors had examined her, ooe finding she suffered from a psychiatric disorder and the others that she had severe per-

sonality problems. At her trial, Beckett, 35, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, said she had pleaded with social workers for help but was refused. Nigel Rumfitt QC, for the prosecution, had accused social workers of serious errors of judgement for allowing Tracey back into the care of a mother who had fed her an overdose of anti-depressant tablets. Three weeks later Tracey died of another overdose.

The police have admitted mistakes in their investigation. The case came to light only after Tracey's body had been exhumed in 1994, eight years after her death. The remains of her sister Clare, who died aged seven after a mysterious brain injury, were also removed.

Later, Beckett's ex-husband criticised the five-year jail sentence for the woman who poisoned their two "little angel" daughters, Thomas Butler, 41. said: "She should have been locked up for life and the key

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Children at risk 'must have more say in decisions'

REBECCA FOWLER

A report on the treatment of the natioo's most vulnerable children, at risk from abuse or neglect, has called for young people to have a wider role in the decisions over what happens to them, and for courts and social services to take their views into account.

Highlighting inadequacies in the training of professionals dealing with children, the report by the Institute of Public Policy Research, a left-wing think tank, also calls for a national review of the way in which allegations of abuse against children are investigated.

According to the report pub-lished yesterday, which coin-cides with the Independent's campaign to improve the system for children in care, their views have been ignored and many felt they would not be believed. They were also concerned there were no individuals they could trust to represent their views.

Gillian Schofield, a lecturer in social work at the University of East Anglia and co-author of the report, said: "More needs to be done to ensure every child has access to a person they feel they can trust, whether it's



an independent adult. They are very anxious they won't be believed, and they don't feel what they say will be takeo into

She added: "Some children feel they are so powerless, hav-ing been abused or neglected, they tend to feel hlame and find it very hard to speak up for

There are approximately 35,000 children on the child protection register, and more than 10,000 in care in Britain. because they are at risk from abuse of neglect. Their average age is 14, but many are much younger, and they are often deeply torn over their desire to return to their own families. even when there is abuse, and to be placed with foster parents or in long-term residential care.

Despite the fact many have

A life in fear of male visitors

that only 35 per cent of solicitors had met their child clients, when they were representing them in legal decisions over their futures.

The majority of children above the age of 10 were par-ticularly keen to attend conferences in which their futures are being discussed. One 12year-old boy said: "They were talking about me and mum and everyone else, so I wanted to hear what they were talking about . . . and whether it was correct or not. It was the meeting that mum and I went to so that they could decide whether

keep me." The report, which covers the whole range of children at risk, has been welcomed by childcare experts who are also anxious to see improvements in the system, which give children a higger part to play in their

or not she was good enough to

David Truan, legal officer for the National Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Chil-dren, said: "We fully support recommendations that give the child a voice, and allow them to have more control in the decistrong feelings about what they sions being made, particularly

One was on bail charged with attempted rape and one in 10 had no minicab licence, police found in a check of 1,000 drivers

Farming Corporation, which

investors, was adjourned yes-

Half of Glasgow's minicab drivers have criminal records -

some for murder, sex offences,

ing explosives, the re-

Wind-up of ostrich

earlier this year. The findings - disclosed in the BBC's Frouline Scotland programme - have prompted city counciliors to seek greater powers to regulate

postal service and a shop of 1712, the year when the public service was first introduced

The city was said to be without effective policing of the minicab sector in the absence of

The programme also highlighted the case of a seven-yearold girl killed by a speeding driver who allegedly had three: speeding convictions -one just three weeks before her death.

First class: Customers at Sanguhar post office, near Dumfries, the oldest post office in the world, which is to be restored as a museum of the

Half of Glasgow cabbies have crime record

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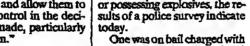
> The police check was prompted by fears about the who said they were encouraged to take indefinite sick quality of cars and drivers inleave after barassment and hostility from minicab operators. volved in minicab work, and by fears that it could be a front for other illegal activity.

Minicab drivers in Glasgow have to be licensed - hut not their operators or companies. Police look at applications from

to the licensing authority, but granting or withdrawing the licences is up to the authorities.

John Moines, chairman of the

council's licensing committee, said he was unaware that op-erators did not have to be licensed, and would seek powers for the loophole to be plugged.



Maria, 14, is typical of thousands of children who are placed in care. She had been sexually dilemma. She said: "I want to ahused almost all her life live with my mother, but I want not to be afraid when men at home, where she lived with her mother, a younger hrother come to the house and I have and sister and lived in fear of to run away.

She added: "I love my mum, male visitors, writes Rebecca Bot wheo the abuse was exposed, and she was taken into care. Maria also hated the idea of being separated from her family, and she was concerned the court should understand her conflict. She initially denied she had been abused.

When she was asked what she wanted she explained her

and I doo't want her to be lonely, hut I want the abuse to stop and she keeps choosing boyfriends who hurt us . . . I don't want to be in foster care with foster carers telling me what to do, but I doo't want to be at home and hear my sister cry when she's being abused.

Despite her learning diffi-

culties. Maria was able to voice her feelings clearly. She was eventually placed into longterm foster care, but she maintains regular contact with her own family and may return to them before she reaches adult-

Gillian Schofield, a social work lecturer and co-author of a report by the Institute of Public Policy Research on children at risk, said: "The basic thing about children in care is that they're ambivalent. They want to be safe, but they want to be at home, and they've got to deal with that tension all the

by the Serious Fraud Office. said to have taken millions of pounds by claiming it can pro-vide annual returns of 51.6 per Councils need not repay

cent on investments. The DIT's petition says: "The scheme is bound to collapse as soon as saturation point is reached." Many investors, understood to have paid between £6,000 and

farm firm delayed at the High Court to hear Mr has attracted thousands of UK Registrar James adjourn the case to a judge in the Chancery Division. The action should be

The Department of Trade heard before August. and Industry issued the petition. Christopher Harrison, for against OFC, which reportedthe DTL said such a move had been agreed with OFC. "The y has 2,000 hirds on farms in Belgium, in March. The commatter has generated enorpany is also being investigated mous public concern and it's important for it to be dealt with The Mansfield-based firm is as soon as possible.

Raquel Agnello, for OFC. said the company needed tim to consider a report to be filed by the Official Receiver. Earlier, the animal welfare

group, Compassion in World Farming, held a protest outside the courts, calling for a ban oo the emerging industry.

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£17m loans to bank A merchant hank which Lords. Other cases are said to depend on the outcome.

provided loans totalling £17m for two ill-fated projects guaranteed by local authorities was told yesterday that it cannot call in the debts because the councils had acted illegally in the first place.

The Court of Appeal ruled that Allerdale Council in Cumbria and the London borough of Waltham Forest were entitled to rely on their of public duty to "renege on its own "abuse of power" to avoid having to pay back dehts to

The bank had argued that it would fly in the face of justice and common sense to allow the authorities to get away scot-free because of their illegal actions. But the court held that the

contracts at the centre of the two cases, under which the councils guaranteed loans made to development companies they had set up to get round bor-rowing limits imposed by central government, were invalid and therefore unenforceable.

The bank was granted leave to appeal to the House of În 1986, Alierdale had put

£6m into an ultimately disastrous time-share and leisure pool project in Keswick . The council's statutory borrowing limit was £3.6m. Wheo the scheme collapsed

under massive dehts, the bank sued for its money, but the council relied on its own hreach private law obligations", said Lord Justice Peter Gibson, sitting with Lords Justices Neill and Hobbouse.

Although the hank may have expected a loan to a govern-mental body he repaid, it had entered into the contract with The court ruled that neither

guaranteed an £1 Im loan to a company set up in a "laudable" attempt to provide housing for

the borough's homeless and raise money for a charitable housing trust in the face of stringent financial controls imposed hy ceotral government.

The council indemnified the company against all losses arising out of the project.

The scheme went hust with the collapse of the property market in about 1990. Lord Justice Neill said that,

although the purpose of the scheme was to alleviate hardship and make the best provision possible for the accommodation of homeless people, it had been a oullity from the outset because the council had no power to give the guarantee or indemnity. "It may be that later similar

schemes have or will become within the powers of local

the establishment of a company nor the giving of a guarantee fell within the express or implied powers of the council.

In 1988, Waltham Forest had guaranteed an £11m loan to a company set up in a "laudeble" within the powers of local authorities, but we have to look at the position in 1988, "he said.

The judges dismissed the bank's appeal against a High Court ruling that Allerdale was oot legally bound to repay the debt, and allowed Waltham Forest's appeal against an order requiring it to pay up.

DAILY POEM

Hoverfly on Poppy

By Ruth Pitter

Like a man reaping, on the mealy edge Of the bland Poppy's anther-ring he stands, Pressing his breast against the fecund hedge, And gathering the pollen as with hands; Glittering heroic on the gold and red He ravishes his bright Lethean bread.

So, licensed by a large fertility, The robber and the robbed stand close embraced; Curtailing hopes of generation, he But steals some love from what has love to waste, And gives it a strange nursling: that which flies, Darts like a death, and looks with myriad eyes.

Ruth Pitter was born in 1897 and published her first collection in 1920 with the help of Hilaire Belloc. Her early work was praised by Yeats and C.S. Lewis, but a younger generation of poets, Thom Gunn, John Wain and Kathleen Rame, have been equally enthusiastic. In both subject matter and treatment, her poetry is classical, traditionalist and watermarked by the forms of the early 20th century, hut her use of language is complex and dense, and, in this case, heavy with mysticality. Collected Poems is published this month by Enithermon at £10.95. Ruth Pitter died in

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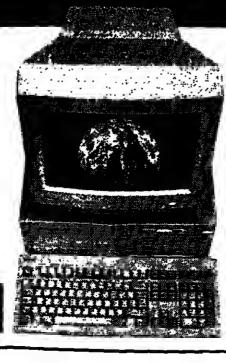
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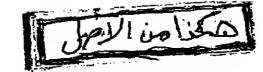
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Prisons watchdog 'stripped of power'

Home Affairs Correspondent

Britain's first prisons ombudsman has been so stripped of power and independence by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, that he should no longer carry the misleading title, angry MPs said yesterday.

An influential all-party Commons committee rounded on Mr Howard saying that prison-ers and the public were being fooled into thinking the man who investigates injustice in the country's 136 jails has greater effectiveness than he

"From what we have heard he is oot an ombudsman.

He is a complaints investigator who does as much as the Home Office allows him to do," said Michael Lord, Conservative MP for Suffolk Central.

MPs were attacking Mr Howard's decision on Tuesday to impose three restraints on Vice Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead's powers to investigate inmates' grievances: they restrict his access to documents making him dependent on what the Prisoo Service chooses to hand over; it removes his right to investigate or even check any decisions by ministers or advice to ministers; and it requires him to provide draft reports for Prison Service checking before

publication. Sir Peter, who took up his post in April 1994, had told the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration that he was greatly concerned and disap-pointed by the changes, which further eroded his already

"flaky" independence. The terms of reference, in my opinion, give too much control to the very organisation

"I think it is very important that I am seen to have that level of independence that gives me credibility with all parties. It affects not only my status but the status of other ombuds-

He said the cases affected by the changes would be small -up to 6 per cent of its 1,800 a year - but the most important ones, often relating to the more vulnerable immates.

He said the erosion of his

rights to examine documenta-tion would legitimise what he suspected had already happened in some cases - that files had been "weeded" before submission to him, although he had oo proof. He also complained of delay in getting access to papers. In about 10 per cent of cases, Prison Service papers take a month or more to reach him, making the system too bureaucratic for short-term prisooers, remand inmates and young offenders, he said. But Richard Wilson, perma-

nent secretary at the Home Office, denied that there had been any "hanky panky" or "obstruction" with the work of the prisons ombudsman, "If it came to my attention that that was the case I would take an extremely serious view of it and expect the ombudsman to bring it to my attention."
He said Mr Howard changes

were mere clarification of what had always been government intention ever since an ombudsman for prisoners was first recommended by Lord Woolf in his inquiry into the 1989 Strangeways riots.

After the hearing Sir Peter said that despite losing his powers he had no intention of preciping "at this stage".

resigning "at this stage".
"It is important for both my

staff and the work they are doing and particularly for the



Water wasted:Utilities will have to rely on 'goodwill of customers' to maintain supplies this summer

with the views of the British public," Mr Rifkind snapped

Labour MPs jeered, but the

Rejecting a charge that the

ingstone, if he had two faces, he

wouldn't use the one he's got." Mr Cook may be a bit Puckish,

Dobson pours scorn on troubled water

"It has, in fact, been the pol-

Greed, sleaze and incompe-tence. Yesterday the target of Frank Dobsoo's general pur-pose oratorical bludgeon was the senior management of the privatised water industry.

"The public have seen the oew water bosses line their pockets at the expense of the customers," Labour's envirooment spokesman said as he opeoed a debate on water sup-plies, calling for mandatory targets oo reducing leaks and a moratorium on industry takeovers.

For water companies to maintain supplies this summer would require the goodwill of customers. "But because of the greed, sleaze and incompe-tence that has characterised the privatised water industry, the co-operation that people used to give will have to be earned all over again."

In an equally belligerent retary of State for the Britain.

'Greed and sleaze' of private industry ☐ Flying the flag for Euro-scepticism

Environment, said the two most trivial cootributions to the water debate this week had been Severn Trent's advice to customers to coocrete over their lawns and Mr Dobson's speech.

The summer of 1976 had showed beyond doubt that the municipal and nationalised system had failed. Some 40,000 properties had to be turned off completely.

completely.

Last year no one had to go to a standpipe and there were no rota cuts. Even if there was a dry summer, the Environment Agency believed no such measures would be needed.

Today is Europe Day - but to the pleasure of the Tory right the EU's flag will not be

Inside Parliament Ingratiating himself with the Euro-sceptics, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, endorsed the stand of Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, Stephen

in refusing to fly the circle of stars to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the community. Mr Forsyth was ostensibly making a protest at the EU ban on British beef exports, but according to the Foreign Secretary he was simply following Gov-ernment policy.

The flag was raised at Ques-tion Time by Nicholas Winterton, Tory MP for Macclesfield, who denounced the anniversary as "pathetic and expensive propaganda". Mr Forsyth had been right to fly the Union Jack and "not to peddle this pathetic,

eign secretary, challenged Mr Rifkind to make it clear whether the Cahioet agreed with the sceptic or the pro-European wings of the Conserva-tive Party. "The Government's view on the EU is consistent

Goodwin

Foreign Secretary's sharp re-sponse was appreciated on both sides of the House. Not so the icy throughout the UK not to fly the EU flag from public huild-iogs," Mr Rifkind replied. insult banded out by his Min-ister of State. David Davis, to "Therefore the policy enunciated by Mr Forsyth was fully consistent with policy pursued Tories face two ways on Europe, Mr Davis replied: "...looking at the honourable member of Liv-

With pro-European Tories finding new voice, Tim Devlin, MP for Stockton South, said there was a large community of nations queuing up to join the EU and who look forward to the pleasure of flying a blue flag with golden stars on

but the personal jibe and the groans which greeted it only confirmed Mr Davis's reputa-tion as an occasionally ment Robin Cook, the shadow for- Commons performer.

Police call for GPs to screen gun users

HEATHER MILLS

Police chiefs yesterday called on doctors to play o part in the tougher vetting of firearms users to stem Britain's growing

"gun culture".
While rejecting psychological profiling as "ineffective", the Association of Chief Police Officers said GPs should have to fill in questionnaires aimed at revealing anything in an applicant's mental or physical health

history which may make them unsuitable gun owners. People wanting a gun licence should also have to advertise their application in local news-

papers.
Jim Sharples, Chief Consta-ble of Merseyside and associa-tion president, in evidence to the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee which is exam-ining gun law in the wake of the Dunhlane massacre - said police needed wider powers to

turn down licence applications The medical profession has already rejected the suggestion GPs should judge patients or hreach confidentiality.

National sports centre 'a waste'

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Labour yesterday attacked the Government's plans for ar Academy of Sport because it intends to centralise it in a single site, possibly in the Midlands.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's national heritage spokesman, accused the Government of failing to consult sports bodies. who would prefer several regional academies. The Prime Minister launched the plan last year as the centrepiece of his "sport for all" initiative to commemorate the millennium.

Dr Cunningham warned the scheme would be a waste of the from National Lottery profits.

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Russia softens threat to expel diplomats

Moscow

Moscow's hardline Federal Security Service yesterday appeared to back off a demaod that nine British diplumats be expelled for running a spying operation, but it insisted some ufficials would have to go.

The softening of tone came as the British ambassador tn Moscow, Sir Andrew Wnod, met Russia's deputy foreign minister. Sergei Krylov, in a further attempt at compromise in a row which is both about espionage and the delicate task of saving face.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, sug-gested yesterday that Russia may drop its threat to expel the diplomats.

We hope that continuing discussions will produce an amicable conclusion to this regrettable incident," he said. At a meeting on Tuesday between Sir Andrew and Russia's Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, "it wasn't clear whether these expulsions will proceed or

not", Mr Portilla said. On Tuesday the Federal Security Service (FSB) said it wanted to expel nine British diplomats whom they accused of being "career spies" with links to a young Russian government worker who was



Primakov. Not certain the expulsions will go ahead

allegedly caught supplying MI6 and strategic information.

The agency's approach con-trasted markedly with that of the Russian Foreign Ministry, which declined to confirm that aoy diplomats would be expelled and emphasised the need to continue good relations with London.

Yesterday, however, the FSB moderated its stance. "The question of expelling a oumber nf British embassy staff is on the agenda," a spokesman told Interfax news agency. "At issue is the time-scale and the number of diplomats who will be declared persona non grata." Behind the scenes, though,

credit for a successful spy catching operation, unmoved by Britain's protests that it has failed to support its allegations with evidence. An unnamed FSB spokesman told Interfax: We did our job. The job of the politicians is to find a solution which most adequately meets the national interests of the Russian Federation."

Yet the FSB has not seen eye to eye with the President

recently, particularly over his

attempts to settle the conflict

in Chechnya. They were par-ticularly incensed last month

when some 90 Russian federal

troops were wiped out in a rebel Chechen ambush on a

coovoy. There are signs that its

forces in Chechnya are outside

the control of the Kremlin, and

that security officials have been

withholding information from

A proportion of the FSB, a successor organisation to the

KGB, are hardline Communists who would like oothing

better than a return to the

influence they enjoyed in Soviet times (although they remain powerful). The decision to leak plans to throw out nine

Britons may have had as much

to do with a desire to confuse

and distract Mr Yeltsin and

the Kremlin during their fever-

ish electioo campaign as with efforts to punish British secret

A Russian MP, Konstantin

Borovoi, yesterday described

the row as a "put-up job"

which was intended to damage

the Yeltsin camp. "This provo-

cation has already produced a result, undermining the Presi-

dent's prestige both in the world arena and within the country,"

the President

Sources close to the ageocy told journalists the FSB had been determined to stop a surge in espionage which followed the end of the Cold War, and which was fuelled by a rush to earn money by Russians in sensitive but badly-paid jobs. This was primarily a matter of counter espiooage, rather than international, or domestic politics.

While the scandal may have eased slightly, speculation about what went oo behind the scenes has not. In particular, the episode raises questions about the difficult relationship between the security services and the Kremlin.

It seems inconceivable that a decision as momeotous as expelling nine diplomats, more than a tenth of the British missioo in Moscow, would not have the approval of Boris Yeltsin and his inner circle, who may have viewed it as a way to curry favour with the nationalists before next mooth's presidential elections.

Hostilities intensify as Liberia peace talks break down



Streets of death: A young boy fighter with Charles Taylor's NPFL movement firing his machine gun during heavy exchanges in the Liberian capital Monrovia yesterday. Meanwhile, talks in Accra, Ghana, aimed at bringing about a ceasefire ended in failure after being boycotted by most West African leaders Photograph: Comme Dufka/Reuter





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Mandela hails act of rebirth from evil past

BRENDAN BOYLE

Cape Town - South Africa adopted a permanent postapartheid constitution yesterday, putting aside divisions between black and white-led parties for what President Nelson Mandela called the nation's rebirth from a horrible

Members of both houses of gathered together as the special Constitutional Assembly approved the new constitution by a sweeping majority following an 11th-hour deal to bury remaining differences.

"And so it has come to pass that South Africa today undergoes her rebirth, cleansed of a horrible past, matured from a tentative beginning and reaching out to the future with coofidence," Mr Mandela told the assembly in Cape Town.

"This is our national soul, our compact with one another as citizens," the ANC leader said. "Never again shall the laws of our land rend our people apart, or legalise their oppression and repression. Together we shall march, hand in hand, to a brighter future."

The last-minute accord saved the country from a divisive referendum at a time when the economy is under pressure and political killings in the Zulu heartland have delayed local elections there.

The majority ANC and the white-led National Party (NP) clinched their deal after reaching compromises on the right to single-language education, branded an apartheid hang-over by the ANC, property

The new constitution was opposed by only two votes, although others abstained. It replaces the two-year transitional document and will be

phased in by 1999, when new elections will choose the first majority-rule government.
The ANC heads a govern ment of national unity with the NP and the Zulu-led Inkatha Preedom Party, which boycotted the constitutional

session of parliameot. Deputy President FW de Klerk, South Africa's last white leader, who shared a Nobel peace prize with Mr Mandela,

said the constitution was flawed. The NP chief said his support was motivated partly by the fact that a "no" vote would have forced South Africa into "an inevitably confrootational referendum [that] could damage the interests of our country irreparably". But NP sources said the party might now quit the coalition government, as it felt its voice was ignored.

"There is a very strong sentiment in the party that the time has come to pull out of the government of national unity." one senior NP source said.

Inkatha's 48 members of parliament were nowhere to he seeo during the vote.

The 10 members of the rightwing Freedom Front, whose dreams of a separate white homelaod have faded, abstained. Nine other votes were not recorded and two ione legislators from a Christian party which wanted abortioo outlawed, voted against.

A deal had to be in place by a deadline of today, a day before the second anniversary of rights and employer lock-outs. Mr Mandela's inauguration.

Chirac wrests Joan of Arc from Le Pen

MARY DEJEVSKY

President Jacques Chirac moved yesterday to reclaim Joan of Arc as a mainstream French national heroine after ears in which her image has been monopolised by the extreme right National Front.

During an unscheduled trip to Orleans, Mr Chirac presided over celebrations to mark the 567th anniversary of the city's liberation from the English in 1429. He had earlier led France's oational commemoration of VE day in Paris.

Speaking at the Orleans ceremony, in words pointedly ad-dressed to the National Front and its sympathisers, Mr Chirac said that Joan of Arc was "remote from all contempt and hatred" and "belonged to all the French". She was, he said, "opposed to all intolerant, negative and violent language of the sort that people sometimes venture to use in her name".

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"Her France was a France with ambition, proud of its ideotity and its history, but also hung parliament.

generous... Her values were those of justice, love, freedom and peace... she belonged to all the French and to all France."

Standing beside the socialist mayor of Orleans and former minister. Jean-Pierre Sueur. Mr Chirac said the Maid of Orleans "exhorts us to unite... and overcome our quarrels, divisions and selfishness".

Mr Chirac's decision to take the battle to the National Front reflects in part his longstanding personal crusade against the extreme right.

However, it also reflects a new strategy by the Gaullist party to present itself as the party of reasoned patriotism as opposed to the front's extreme na-

Mainstream politicians of left and right are concerned to win back ground from the National Front before the legislative elections of 1998. They fear that the front could improve on its record 15 per cent share of the vote in last year's presidential election and even hold the balance of power in a

Error ruled out by UN experts

This is an edited text of the report by Major-General Franklin van Kappen on the shelling of the UN compound at Qana, which was presented to the UN Security Council yesterday.

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ISRAELI ACCOUNT In the early afternoon of 18 April, an Israeli patrol had come under fire from Qana. Israeli locating radar had ideotified two separate targets in Qana from where fire had originated. The first was located 200m or so south-west of the UN compound; the second was

350m south-east. The data had beeo seot antomatically to the Northern Command and to an artillery battalion oo the Israel-Lebanon border, which checked the targets oo a map and found that one of the two was close to the UN position at Qana. The commanding officer sought instructions from Northern Command, which re-checked the data and gave permission to fire. This decision had not been taken lightly; officers of some seniority had been involved.

The first target had been engaged by one battery. Thirty-eight shells had been fired, about two-thirds with impact fuzes and ooe-third with proximity fuzes. (Proximity fuzes cause a round to explode in the air above the target; they are often used for anti-personnel fire.) The two types of fuzes had been employed in random order. Convergence fire had beeo used so the impacts would be cooceotrated in the target area. Regrettably, a few rounds overshot and hit the UN compound.

The commanding officer of the artillery battalion had no satisfactory explanation why so many shells had fallen some 200m north of the inteoded target. Asked if he had shifted fire during the shelling, he said he had not; he added that there would have been no time to change target data. The commandiog officer's replies indicated a high professional standard. The second target had been engaged by another battery, which fired 40 rounds.

In response to repeated questions, the Israelis stated that there had been no Israeli air-



A map shows where the shells fell at the UN base. Right: Political and religious leaders pray at the funeral in Tyre of the massacre victims. Photograph: Jamei Saidj/Reute

after the shelling. (These would have enabled the Israelis to observe the target area and adjust fire.) However, General Vilnai (Deputy Chief of General Staff) promised to look into this again. On 26 April, Brigadier-General David Tzur, Chief Israeli Liaison Officer to Foreign Forces, confirmed in writing that there were "no choppers or Mini-RPVs flying above the area of Qana on 18 April, hefore, or during the incident". The Israeli officers stated

that Israeli forces were oot aware at the time of the shelling that a large number of civilians had taken refuge in the compound. They emphasised it was not Israeli policy to target civil-ians or the UN. On the contrary, the Israeli forces had made every effort to avoid the lose of innocent lives. The incident was, therefore, all the more deeply regretted.

BEFORE THE SHELLING piloted vehicles (RPV) in the air Between 1200 and 1400, whether before or after the In sum, evidence was found of shows two distinct concentrative Quita before, during or Hizbollah lighters fired two or shelling), two or three Hizbollah II detonations inside or di-

three rockets from 350m southeast of the UN compound. Between 1230 and 1300, they

lah cotered the compound, where their families were.

fired four or five rockets from THE IMPACT AREA Thirty-six impacts were found in the Qana area. The distrib-600m south-east of the com-pound. About 15 minutes before the shelling, they fired between five and eight rounds of 120mm mortar from 220m south-west of the centre of the compound. The mortar was installed between 1100 and 1200 hours that day, but no action was taken by Unifil personnel to remove it. (On 15 April, a Fijian was shot after he proximity) landed south of the

ers from firing rockets.)
The UN had taken in a large number of Lebanese seeking shelter from the Israeli bombardments. On the day of the shelling, their number is estimated to have been well over 800. When the Frians heard the mortar being fired, they moved civilians into shelters to protect them from Israeli retaliation. At ne point (it is not clear

tried to prevent Hizbollah fight-

rectly above the compound and

ution was uneven: there were tified by the Israeli forces, two areas where impacts were concentrated and two "stray impacts. The first concentration was 100m south of the compound, on a group of houses 75m oorth-west of the mortarfiring point. In all 17 shells (16 with impact fuzes, one with

compound. The secood concentration was on the middle of the UN compound. There was evidence of proximity-fuzed ammunition detonating directly above the compound. The evidence suggests eight such projectiles detonated over the compound and one just outside. There was evidence that five point-detooating projectiles detonated in the build and three close to it

FINDINGS

four very close to it. Almost all the proximity-fuzes were used in the area of the UN Compound. No impacts were found at the secood target area ideo-

pact are about 140m apart. If

the guns were converged, as

stated by the Israeli forces,

there should have been only one

■ The pattern of impacts is

inconsistent with oormal over-

shooting by a few rounds, as sug-

gested by the Israel forces.

During the shelling, there was

a perceptible shift in the weight

of fire from the mortar site to

■ The distribution of point

impact detonations and air-

bursts makes it improbable that

impact-fuzes and proximity-

fuzes were employed in random order, as stated by the Israeli

■ Contrary to repeated denials, two Israeli helicopters and a remotely piloted vehicle were

present in the Oana area at the

time of the shelling.

While the possibility cannot

technical

procedural errors.

mean point of impact.

the compound.

Witnesses reported that there had been during the shelling a perceptible shift in the weight of fire from an area south-west of the compound (the mortar site) to the compound itself.

Several witnesses said they saw an RPV over the Qana area before, during and after the shelling. Two helicopters were seen 2km south-east of the compound during the shelling and one was observed after the shelling had finished. The pres-ence of a helicopter and an RPV was documented on a video tape. The RPV on the tape was of a type with a realtime data link capability.

IN BRIEF

Nazi victims finally laid to rest

Hamburg — The brains of 10 handicapped victims of the Nazis were finally laid to rest in a cemetry after being kept in jars of formaldehyde in a Vicona hospital for more than 50 years.

The deceased, most of them children, were victims of the Nazis euthansia drive to create a master Aryan race. Politicians, church-

men and relatives of one victim held a memorial service before burying the cremated remains, on the 51st anniversary of the end of World War Two, io a section of the Hamburg cemetry reserved for victims of Nazism. The dead were patients of o Hamburg mental hospital and were later transferred to Vienna and killed after serving their purpose as human guinea pigs.

Gangsters face jail for knifing

Tokyo — Prosecutors demanded prison terms of up to seven years for five gangsters on trial for knifing popular filmmaker Juzo Itami, who angered Japan's underworld with a film showing how to fight mob pressure. Itami, who achieved acciaim abroad for his social satires *Tampopo*, *The Funeral* and *A Taxing Woman*, was slashed in the face and oeck near home in 1992.

Generals accused over killings

Madrid - Three senior generals have been accused by Spain's leading judge, Baltazar Garzon, of involvement in killings by Gal anti-terrorist squads during a "dirty war" against Basque sepa-ratists, writes Liz Nash. Luis Roldan, the disgraced former Civ-il Guard boss, testified that Eorique Rodriguez Galiodo, Jose Antonio Saenz de Santa Maria and Andres Cassinello were responsible for up to four deaths of suspected Eta members in the early 1980s. The accusations mark the resurgence of a murky scan-dal that cootributed to Felipe Gonzalez's recent election defeat.

Demand for phones peaking

Peking - Growing demand has seen Peking become the fifth city in the world to increase all its phone numbers to eight digits. "Seven-digit phoce number resources can no longer satisfy the rapid growth of demands for phones," said Ni Yilin, director of the Peking Telecommunications Bureau. Beijing had 4.09 million phone lines and 1.5 million subscribers at the end of last year.

AP

French pilot dies in mid-air collison

Manama — Two French Mirage-2000 warplanes collided over Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia, killing a French pilot, the state-run Saudi Press Agency said. One of the pilots managed to land safely, while the other was killed when his plane crashed on Tuesday night, the news ageocy said, quoting ao unidentified source at the Saudi Defeoce Ministry. AP

Chandraswami is refused bail

New Delhi - A court refused to release on bail the politically powerful Hindu holy man who was arrested for allegedly cheating a businessman out of \$100,000. The New Delhi High Court also rejected the swami's plea that he be placed under house arrest because of his poor health, instead of being kept in jail. Nemi Chand Jain, commonly known as Chandraswami, is well known as a spiritual adviser to celebrities, business leaders and India's

Legendary bullfighter dies

Madrid - Dominguin, one of Spain's most famed bullfighters, has died at his home in southern Spain aged, reports said, Domin-guin, whose real name was Luis Miguel Gonzalez Lucas, became a legeod in the 1950s and 1960s. He had suffered from heart disease in recent years.

13 children feared dead in lake

Tirana - Thirteen children and their teacher were feared drowned in a lake in south-eastern Albania after their boat capsized. Albanian state radio said the accident happened on Thesday afternoon when the high school children were boating oo Prespa Lake, which Albania shares with Greece and Madedonia.

Boys get board with sex

be ruled out completely, it is un-likely that the shelling of the UN Helsinki - A Finnish teacher and child welfare group have lauoched a "How to Make Children" board game to get teenage schoolboys interested in the reproductive side of sex. "Everybody gets pregnant in the game, even the boys," said Seija Sihvola, of and/or the Mannerheim League for Child Welfare.



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Battles rage as nuclear cargo arrives

MARTIN SCHMIDT-BLEEK

Gorleben, Germany (Reuter) - A 40-tonne shipment of French-processed atomic waste reached a German storage depot yesterday after pitched battles between an army of riot-clad police and about 3,000 anti-nuclear protesters.

The oormally-peaceful farm-land around Gorleben in north Germany looked like it was hit by a civil war as the controversial shipment arrived.

Several thousand helmeted police lined country lanes near the medium-term storage depot, 120 km (75 miles) east of Hanover, and used water cannon, tear-gas and clubs to clear away waves of anti-nuclear pro-

Eighteen policemen and two demonstrators were injured and several protesters detained when the crowds tried to block the radioactive cargo from mov-ing some 20 km (12 miles) on a giant flatbed truck from the Dannenberg railway station to Gorleben.

"It would almost be fitting to use the word 'war' at the moment," said a police spokesman, who could not give exact num-

bers of those detained. Barricades and bonfires blocked roads and, in some villages, farmers dumped piles of manure in the streets in a lastditch effort to stop the truck.

A thick wedge of riot police, backed up by water-cannon trucks trying to hose away sitdown strikers, headed up a long procession of police vehicles protecting the waste ship-

The radioactive waste, which

crossed into Germany from a French reprocessing plant by rail at midday oo Tuesday, had made its way through most of the country practically unhindered. It was the first of around 110 shipments set to carry nuclear waste and fuel back to German reactors over the oext

eight years. In Bonn, a spokesman for the environmentalist Greens accused police of brutality and said the German government was trying to make the Gorleben depot into "an atomic toi-

But Peter Hintze, general secretary of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), blamed the protesters.
"One shudders when one sees how a radical group tries to hinder this transport with uninhibited violence against peo-

ple and property," he said.
Before the transport reached
Gorleben, police helicopters
roared overhead to survey the scene and police dogs snarled at activists hurling stones and shooting fireworks.

This no longer has anything to do with peaceful protests," a police spokesman said.

The truck, carrying the waste in a hardened container under a blue tarpaulin, stopped briefly between Dannenberg and Gorleben at a place where protesters had dug underneath the road, hut was then able to con-

Activists had already clashed with police in the area on Tuesday afternoon after trying to sabotage the railway tracks.

The waste shipmeot eluded observers from the environmental group Greenpeace who had staked out the world's



Forest protest: Anti-nuclear demonstrators in Germany burn barricades to try to block the nuclear waste consistment

largest nuclear reprocessing plant in La Hague in northern

France. They had hoped to tip off their German counterparts. Greenpeace demonstrators kept vigil along the tracks near Gorleben during the night. De-

fying a ban oo protests in the guards were deployed to protect area, they sat around campfires the waste as it moved through singing songs like "We Shall Overcome.

In one of Germany's biggest internal security operations, about 15,000 police and border

The train, with locomotives at on the tracks near Darmstadt in each end, had included four western Germany on Thesday. They left peacefully at the re-

Despite the tight security, about 30 protesters managed to halt the train briefly by sitting

Interior minister Manfred Kanther instructed border guards and railway police on Tuesday not to shy away from using force if it was occded to prevent militants from vandal-ising rail lines.

Photograph: Reinhard Krause/Reuter

Fraud against EU tops £800m

KATHERINE BUTLER

Professional criminals are turning from robbing banks to the much richer pickings of the frootier-free single European market, according to the European Commission. Cigarette smuggling, emerging as one of the most lucrative rackets for international mafia-style gangs, cost EU governments £310m and the UK treasury £36m in unpaid duties last year, the Commission's annual fraud report, published yesterday.

The Commission says 4,700 cases of fraud were detected during 1995, an increase of around 15 per ceot on the previous year and a reflection of the new determination io Brussels to answer frequent charges that the EU is soft on fraud. Cases detected last year represent losses of £800m or 1.4 per cent of the EU's £62bo budget. Just 10 per cent of the cases ac-counted for half of the moncy siphoned off.

The most worrying trend, according to EU financial control commissioner Anita Gradin, is that EU funds, across all sections of the budget, are being targeted increasingly by the perpetrators of organised in-ternational crime, often operating from eastern Europe. "We are oot talking about individual farmers claiming an extra hectare of farm aid, we are talking about criminals, mafialike organisations, the same people who are trafficking in

drugs, in humans, and who are involved in money laundering." Agriculture, which absorbs al-most half of the central budget, is still the area most susceptible to fraud, accounting for half of last year's cases. Swindling the EU's generous regional and social grants schemes increased three-fold last year, with detected losses of £54m. In one case, the head of a Danish job-training institute was found to be diverting funds intended for France, the UK and Ireland.

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Howard targets gun laws armed with massacre outrage



John Howard: Public back

Presided over by John Howard. the prime minister, and spurred by public outrage, police ministers from around Australia will gather tomorrow in a bid to tighten the nation's ramshackle gun laws in the wake of the Port

Arthur massacre of 35 people. Called by Mr Howard after the slaughter in Tasmania 11 days ago, the meeting is seen as a do-or-die attempt to bring in strict, uniform controls, smother the political influence of the

off a growing "gun culture". In New South Wales, the most populous state, the rate of murders committed with guns is ooe-tenth that in America, but seven times greater than in England and Wales. Since 1984, 87 people have died in mass shootings in Australia.

Military-style, semi-automatic weapons and pump-action shotgans were used in the four worst shooting sprees. Duncan Chappell, a Sydney criminologist, said yesterday: "If we can't get over the top at this point, I would be pessimistic about us

mittee on Violence after two mass shootings in Melbourne in 1987 left 15 people dead. It con-cluded prophetically that, unless there were tighter gun controls, more such horrors would follow. Canberra banned the import of automatic and semi-

automatic weapons as a result. But power over guns remains with Australia's six parochiallyminded state governments. Most have quivered at threats by the wealthy gun lobby, backed by the powerful Amer-

There's a great

deal going on

Mr Chappell headed an to use its political muscle in inquiry by the National Comcountry regions where farmers

> Meanwhile, the national arsenal has grown insidiously. Mr Chappell's inquiry estimated there were four millions guns in Australia, roughly one for every five Australians. Other estimates suggest 10 million, most unregistered. According to Daryl Williams, the federal at-torney-general, there may be three milion semi-automatic, self-loading or pump-action guns in Australia and a further 350,000 military-style, semi-au-

have met 20 times over the past six years, but failed to agree on reforms such as a national gum registration scheme, a ban on mail-order sales - which is how the alleged Fort Arthur gun-man, Martin Bryant, obtained his weapons - and rules on safety training and gun storage.

Having exposed the filmsiness of Australia's rules and shocked the nation, the Port Arthur massacre is likely to prove a turning point. Mr Howard will tomorrow present a plan for uniform national laws which ingranted licences. There will be a six month amnesty for the surrender of banned weapons, and terms of up to seven years for those who fail to comply. Mr Howard will also propose compensation for those who surrender outlawed guns, a scheme that could cost

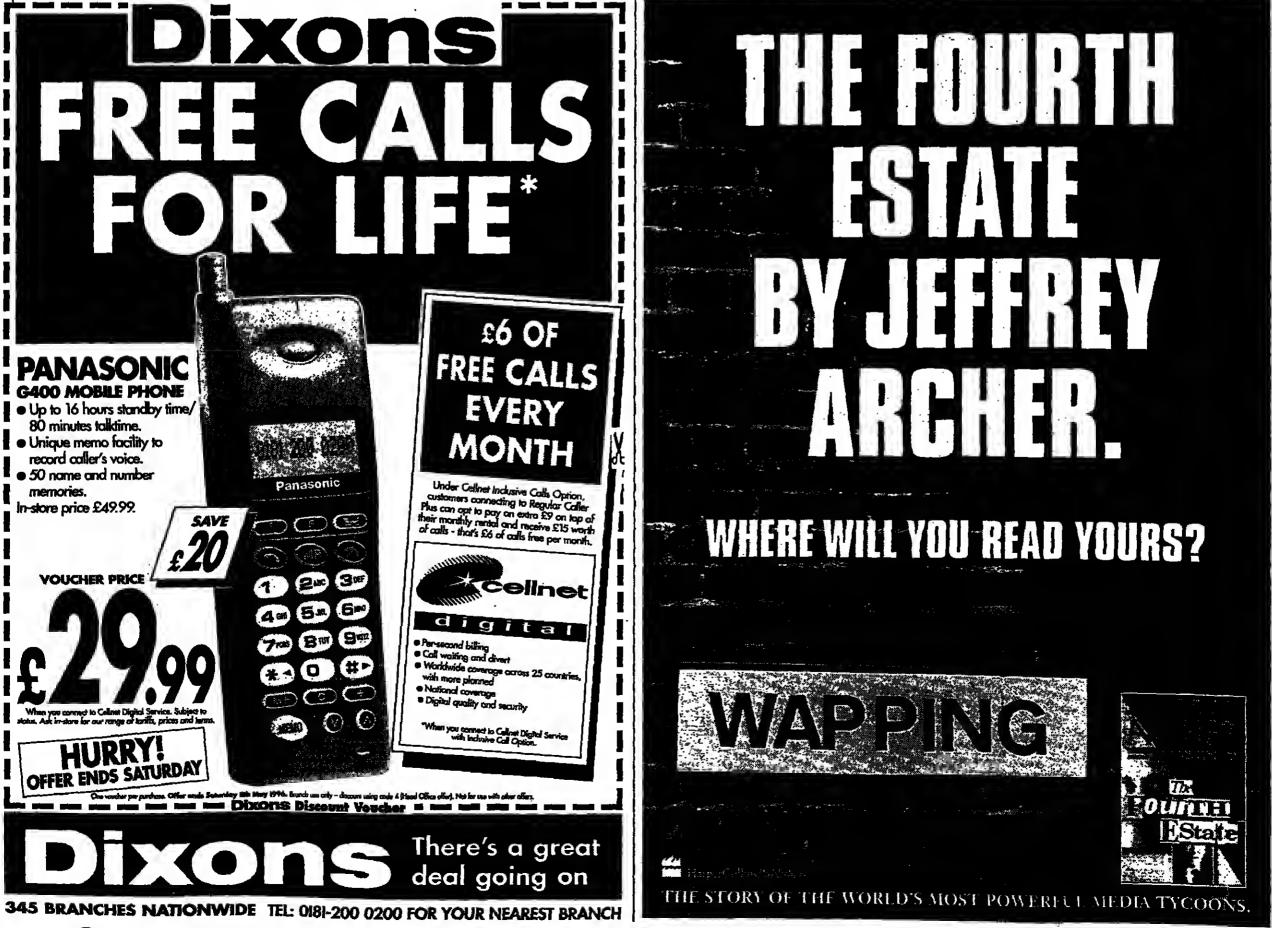
matic weapons, rules restricting

other guns to approved groups,

and tighter vetting of people

\$300m (£150m).Public opinion is overwhelmingly behind the proposals. Opinion polls show support running at more than





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Ugandan elections: Voters expected to endorse president who led them out of the darkness

Museveni lays ghosts of past dictators

DAVID ORR

No one could accuse Ugandans of political apathy. They have turned up in their thousands, singing, dancing and waving branches at countrywide railies in the run-up to today's elections, Uganda's first ever direct

presidential poll. In a nation where political parties are officially disallowed and where candidates must stand as individuals, such fervour might seem surprising. Both main contenders have

been campaigning tirelessly, criss-crossing the lush land-scape before converging in the last few days on the capital, Kampala. Despite widespread predictions that the incumbent, President Yoweri Museveni, will comfortably win the elections, his main opponent, Doctor Paul Ssemogerere, has had mnre success in opinion polls and has drawn bigger crowds

than was originally anticipated. While today's vote is ostensibly about the direction Uganda will take in the future, the

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Milton Obote: Southern Ugandans fear his return

issues underpinning it point very much towards the past. Uganda was, in the words of a western diplomat here "the first major country in Africa to go to hell". Its people have bit-ter memories of the regimes of terror of both Idi Amin in the 1970s and of Milton Obote in

the first balf of the 1980s. Foremost in the minds of most Ugandans is the desire to avoid a repeat of those terrible years during which as many as three quarters of a million peo-ple were killed. President Museveni is the man who defeated Obote and put and end to the brutal cycle of suffering and

Since the advent to power in 1986 of President Museveni and his National Resistance Movement, Uganda has known a decade of relative peace and prosperity. With an average economic growth rate of 6 per cent per annum, the country has become the darling of the west-ern donor community which funds it to the tune of some £350m a year. It is for this reason that the Museveni camp has

chosen the uninspiring elec-tion slogan, "No change", which does little credit to the president's reputation as a reformer and moderniser.

The task facing Dr Sse-mogerere, the candidate fielded by the two main opposition parties, is a difficult one. A former cabinet minister and the believed winner of the rigged 1980 elections which brought Obote to power for a second time, Ssemogerere is a re-spected politician. However, he lacks the charisma and track

record of his opponent.
The Ssemogerere manifesto promises to replace Museveni's "no-party" system with multi-party democracy. It also pledges a negotiated resolution of a localised but vicious rebel insurgency in northern Uganda and improved relations with the Sudanese government, which is supporting the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) rebels.

The LRA's endorsement of Doctor Ssemogerere's campaign has, however, alienated many Ugandans, particularly in the south. Also causing concern to many is the alliance between Doctor Ssemogerere's Democratic Party (which has a southern support base) and the Uganda People's Congress (UPC), the party of the exiled Milton Obote, which draws most of its support from the porth. north.

While himself of untarnished reputation, Doctor Sse-mogerere has underestimated the terrible associations which the UPC holds for many Ugandans. By publicly announcing that he would not prevent Obote from returning to Uganda if elected, Ssemogerere sent shock waves through those southern areas which suffered most under the dictator.

"I feel frightened when I hear talk of Obote coming back", says John Mukasa, a farmer in a village within sight of Lake Victoria. "My wife was beheaded and I was tortured during that man's regime. I had two farms which were both destroyed by the army. It was Museveni who lifted Uganda out of the pit it had fallen in to. Now there are new houses ap-pearing in this neighbourhood, the children are all going to school and there are smart cars

on the road". Mr Mukasa says he is not concerned by President Musevem's opposition to multi-par-ty politics. Like the president, he believes political parties will resurrect the ethnic tensions which tore Uganda apart under dictators Amin and Obote.

There are, however, growing indications that the international community, in particular the United States, will reduce donor support for the Museveni government unless greater moves are made towards multi-party democracy.



Patten fights China's corner

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong whom China dcscribes as a criminal, is turning out to be Peking's most important ally in securing Most Favoured Nation (MFN) trad-

ing status from the US.

Mr Patten is visiting the US and taking every opportunity to press for renewal of MFN next month. Although he said: "I make no case for China to have its MFN status renewed", he also argues it is his job to make the case for Hong Kong that China's MFN status should be renewed". He says the colony will suffer from non-renewal, as its economy depends heavily on trade with China.

On Tuesday he met the Vice President. Al Gore, and said he had received an assurance that Washington intended to renew MFN for China. He also defended renewal to Senator Robert Dole, the Republican presidential candidate who is under pressure in make trade with China a political issue.

Mr Patten's efforts have cut little ice with Chinese officials in Hong Kong who accuse the Governor of heing "insincere" and "playing tricks" on his US visit. They say he is stimulating unjustified "internationalisa-

tion" of Hong Kong's affairs. The visit by Mr Patten comes a week after another by Martin Lee, the leader of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, who China describes as "a subversive". He used his strong human-rights credentials to put the case against trade sanctions on China. Mr Lee told influential Americans, including Mr Gore. that there was a case for disentangling trade from China's human-rights record.

Peking has threatened retaliation against American businesses if US threats of sanctions to counter the abuse of intel-lectual property rights are car-ried out and if MFN is not renewed. Although Mr Patten is being helpful on trading issues, he has bolstered Chinese suspicions by pressing the case also for democratic progress in Hong Kong.

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Dominguin

Luis Miguel Gonzalez Lucas, series of reports for Life maga-"Dominguin", inspired a book zine; they asked for 10,000

by Hemingway, joked with both words and ended up publishing

70.000. After Hemingway's

death in 1961 the reportage was

cut back to 45,000 words and

published in 1985 as a book en-

titled The Dangerous Summer.

Hemingway, fascinated by

the idea of a man risking death

in the ring, said that Dominguin

"could do anything with a bull".
As if to bear out those words,

Dominguin once travelled to Mozambique to fight wild buf-

falo, to the horror of the or-

Grainy black-and-white foot-

age played on Spanish television

yesterday confirmed Hemingway's description of him as "dark, tall, narrow-hipped, with his oeck a little too loog for a

bullfighter". The images show-

ed him cheekily patting a pass-ing hull oo the backside as he twisted elegantly within mil-limetres of the deadly horns.

Dominguin was very friend-

ly with Franco, with whom he

often weot hunting. "I used to

tell him the jokes people told about him, and that amused him

a lot," the bullfighter remi-

nisced. He once turned to his

advantage an awkward mo-

ment when, at the end of a hunt,

one of the dictatorship's strong-

men, who had tried to link the

hullfighter to the ootiawed

Communist party, asked him, in

froot of Franco, which of the

three hrothers was the Com-

munist. Dominguin answered

"All three!" to roars of laugh-

Dominguin frequently took part

in café discussioo circles with

promineot intellectuals of his

day, without being bothered

for one momeot by the fact that

he oever read their works. "My

thing is bulls," he insisted. He was criticised throughout

his scandal-ridden life for the ex-

cesses of his personality, but the

controversial bullfighting star of

a later generation, Manuel Ben-

itez "El Cordobes", said of him yesterday: "He had a lot of au-

thority. And someone who ra-

Notorious for his arrogance,

ter from the Generalismo.

ganiser of his safari tour.

Franco and Picasso and had af-

fairs with a string of Hollywood

film goddesses including Ava

Gardner. Regarded as one of

the best bullfighters ever, he was

the soo of a bullfighter and en-

tered the ring alongside his

hrothers, who also became bull-

fully-fledged matador at the

age of 17, and attamed stardom

by eclipsing the great Manolete

in the 1944 seasoo, and assuming his mantle when the

older man died in 1947 after be-

mg savagely gored. During his heyday in the 1950s Dominguin hecame a superstar at home,

and a jewel of the internation-

al jetset. His oame was linked to

Brigitte Bardot, Rita Hayworth,

Lana Turner, Yvonne de Car-

lo, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Laureo Bacall, and especially Ava Gardner. Legeod has it that wheo he left Ms Gardoer's

bed with ungeotlemanly haste,

she called after him: "Where are you going? His apochryphal reply: "To tell everybody", hut

their liaison lasted from 1953

play his reputation as a Doo

Juan: "I have just quietly gooe along with my life, but the

womeo just besieged me." He told one interviewer that he

oever slept with a woman dur-

ing the 10-mooth bullfighting season, so as oot to disturb

his concentration and his re-

flexes. "What about the other

two months?" the interviewer

asked. "I didn't even stop to

Ernest Hemingway followed the fortunes of Dominguin

throughout the summer of

1959, and especially his intense

rivalry with the other great

hullfighter of the day, his

brother-in-law Antooio Or-

donez. Upoo hearing the news

of Dominguin's death yesterday, Ordonez hurried to his old ri-

val's home to pay his respects.

Later in life he was to down-

He went on to hecome a

fighters, at the age of 10.

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DEATHS EWEN: At the Marie Curie Centre.

Newcastle, on 6 May 1996, Gary James Ewen, aged 31 years. Devol-ed husband of Stephanie Baies, a precious dad to Katie. West Monkseaton, Whiley Bay, very dear son of Jim and Elma, Inversire, and son of Jim mot Jims, investing, and a much-joved brother to Alan and Donna. Sadly missed. Thanksgiving service will take place at St Andrews Parish Church, Inverturie, on Saurday II May at IOam, thereafter to Invertire Old Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Donations to Marie Curie Centre at the church door, if so desired. LAWRENCE: John Stewart MD FRCP.

On 6 May 1996, aged 88, Funeral, Peel Green Crematorium, on Friday 10 May at 12 30pm, Memorial meeting to be arranged later. Donations,

Appointments

Mr Anthony Figgis, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria. Mr Robert Dewar, to be Ambassador (non-resident) to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros. Mr John Reginald Clegg, to be a dis-

trict judge, assigned m the Northern Mr David Nelson Hayes, to be a district judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit. District Judge Wilkinson, to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Northern

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Mr Richard Adams, author, 76; Mr

Birthdays

Mr Richard Adams, author, 76; Mr Alan Bennett, actor and playwright, 62; Miss Candice Bergen, actress, 50; The Right Rev Cyril Bowles, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Gloucester, 80; Miss Sheila Burrell, actress, 74; Mr John Cook, surgeon, 56; Lord Cooke, President, New Zealand Court of Appeal, 70; Mr Terry Downes, boxer, 60; Mr Albert Finney, actor and director, 60; Mr Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 82; Dr Douglas Guest, organist, 80; Sir Joshua Hassan QC, former Chief Joshna Hassan QC, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 81; Vice-Ad-miral Sir John Hayes, 83; Sir Geof-frey Holland, Vice-Chancellor, Exeter University, 58; Miss Glenda Jackson, MP and actress, 60; Mr Bilty Joel, singer, 47; Mr Manhew Kel-ly. broadcaster, 46; Sir Francis Kennedy, former diplomat, 70; General Sir Peter Leng, former Master-

General of the Ordnance, 71; Lord Lloyd of Berwick, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 67; Mr Gavin Lyall, author. 64; Sir John McDermott, a Lord Justice of Appeal, Northern Ire-land, 69; Miss Geraldine McEwan, actress, 64; Professor Alistair Mac-Farlane, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, 65; Mr Brian McMaster, Director, Edin-burgh Festival, 53; Sir Philip Mans-field, former diplomat, 70; Dr Roy Massey, organist and Master of the of St Beatus of Lungers, St Beatus of Vendôme, St Geronius of Cervia

Choristers, Hereford Cathedral, 62; Mr William Olner MP, 54; Sir David Plastow, Chairman, Medical Re-search Council, 64; Mr John Robertson, former deputy chairman, Bardays de Zoete Wedd, 62; Dr Bernard Rose, organist, 80; Mr Patrick Ryecart, actor, 44; Miss Joan Sims, actress, 66; Admiral Sir Victor Smith, former chairman, Australian Chiefs of Staff Committee, 83; Mr Graham Ward, chairman, World Utilities Group, Price Waterhouse, 44; Sir Nicholas Wilson, High Court

Anniversaries Births: Sir James Matthew Barrie, covelist and playwright, 1860; Howard Carter, painter and Egyplologist, 1873. Deaths: Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, poet and playwright, 1805; Joseph Mallaby Dent, publisher, 1926. Ou this day: Colonel Thomas Blood adventurer, attempted to steal the Crown Jewels, 1671; a fire broke out at the Empire Theatre, Edinburgh, killing the Great Lafayette, illusionist, nine of his company, a lion and a horse, 1911; Britain's first launderette opened in Queensway, west London, 1949. Today is the Feast Day

Lectures

National Gallery: Kathleen Adler, "Spring Chickens (h): Seurat, Bathers or Asnieres", 1pm. National Portrait Gallery: Jonathan

Stephenson, "Sir William Henry Perkin (1939-1907): synthetic dyes and a new world of colour", 1.10pm. RIBA Architecture Centre: Sir Ter-ence Couran, "The Pulse of a City: the growing cafe society in London",

Receptions

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the bost at a reception held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, for the Royal United Services Institute, as part of the RUSI seminar, "Cooperation and Parnership for Peace: a contribution to Euro-Atlantic Security into the 21st Century".

Receptions The Pilgrims

Professor Sir Ghillean Prance, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, received the guests at the Pil-grims' Spring Reception held yes-terday at the gardens, in Kew, Surrey. Mr Robert Worcester, Chairman,

also spoke. Dr Shirley Sherwood gave a guided tour of the gardens and

Dinners

Air Force Board Air Force Board

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner held yesterday evening by the Air Force Board Standing Committee, at RAF Bentiey Priory, to mark the retirement of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, HQ Aliled Strees, Central Emorge. Forces, Central Europe.

Institute of Materials Sir Ronald Mason, President,

presided at the Annual Dinner of the institute of Materials held yesterday evening in the Great Room at Grosvenor House, London W1, Mr Brian Moffat and Professor Brian Fender also spoke. Sir Ronald pre-sented the Bessemer Gold Medal to Mr Brian Moffat, the Platinum Medal to Professor D. West, the Griffith Medal to Professor A.J. Kinloch, and a Certificate of Honorary Fel-

lowship to Dr D. McLean. Chatham Dining Club Sir Robin Butler was the principal guest at a meeting of the Chatham Dining Club yesterday evening at the St Ermin's Hotel, London SW1. Mr

Tristram Ricketts was in the chair.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth was in the chair at a Foundation for Science and Tech-nology lecture and dinner discussion held yesterday evening at the Royal Society, London W1. Mr Kenneth Bagnall QC, Maj-Gen Edmund Bur-ton and Professor Ray Harris spoke on "Properly Harnessing the Information of the Future. Can We?"

High Sheriff of Greater London

Sir Cyril Taylor, High Sheriff of Greater London, was the bost at the Sheriff's Breakfast held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Lady Bramall, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Martin Jiggens, Deputy Lord Mayor of estminster, were among the guests.

Coningsby Club

Mr Michael Heseltine MP, Deputy Prime Minister, was the guest of ho-nour and speaker at the Butler Lecture held yesterday evening by the Comingsby Club at the Cariton Club, London SW1. Mr Peter Brooke MP, President of the Club, presided.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Prince Edward, Trustee, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, attends a dinner for the Award given by International Petroleum Exchange at Mariborough House, London SWI. The Princess Royal Trust for Carets, visits North Tyneside Carets Centre, Neptune House, Wallsend, Tyne and Went; as Putron, National Association of Chizess Advice Bureaut, visits Stockton and District Advice and Information Service, Stockton-on-Itess, Cleveland; as President, Bruish Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visits Poppy, Yarm, Cleveland; as President, the Masions to Seamen, opens a new Flying Angel Centre on the Tees, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland; as President, the Princess Royal Trust for Carets, attends an afternoon reception at the Vernous Measure of Council Council Council Carets, attends an afternoon reception at the Vernous Measure Council Council Carets. dent, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, attends an afternoon reception at the Vermont Hotel, Castle Garth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; as President, British Olympic Association, attends the play Blood Brothers at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Duke of Kent, Patron, Ski Club of Great Britain, presents the Pery Medal, at Eaton Square, London SW1. The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, visits the 1st Battalion, the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, Dale Barracks, Chester, of Yorkshire, Dale Barracks, Chester.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard ment mounts inc Queen's Life Quart at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Battalion Welsh Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palace, 11. Mam. band provided by the Souts Guards.

Professor Keith Kelsall

Keith Kelsall achieved academic distinction in sociology and social history with a minimum of self-display. His style of scholarship was to build knowledge meticulously while leaving interpretation unobtrusive.

Perhaps this is why, for example, his outstanding study of the recruitment of Higher Civil Servants in Britain (1955) is less well remembered than its pioneering quality warrants. When he masterminded the formation of a new department of sociology and social administration at Sheffield University from the late 1950s, he led by scholarly example rather than by managerial direction. But his quiet persistence and tactful influence offstage secured a solid base for growth.

He helped to found the British Sociological Associa-tion in 1951, as well as its jour-nal in 1967, and crowned his service as general secretary, treasurer and chair (1957-66) by becoming president (1977-79): all this with dedication, shrewd sense and liberal purpose, yet with a characteristic abstention from fanfare. The peak of his career coincided with turbu-lence around sociology as an os-tensible flagship of radical expectations in the late Sixties and early Seventies. But it was in keeping with both his intellectual priorities and his reserved temperament that he maintained his commitment to the discipline while never acceding to pressures from either hectic iconoclasm or hardset

counter-reaction. Keith Kelsall was the son of a Glaswegian civil engineer and an English-born mother. After a prize-winning school career at Kelvinside Academy he gained Firsts in both History and Political Economy from Glasgow University. He then worked hriefly for G.K. Chesterton's Distribution Society (which looked towards a fairer distribution of wealth), and, by rather curious cootrast, as a tutor for the Bonar Law College at Ashridge; and was then aphistory. He moved during the Second

World War to employment for the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in Birmingham, but resumed an academic career thereafter with sociological research at the London School of Economics. This included, in association with a major programme of enquiry led by David Glass into social mobility and professional group composition, both the civil service book and a first-ever survey of Applications for Admission to Uni-

versines (1957), commissioned by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, which paved the way for the extensive socio-statistical investigations that Claus Moser directed for the Robbins Committee a few years later.

Kelsall himself built on the interest he thus acquired in the social role of education, and in pathways to and beyond its higher levels, to produce over the 1960s and 1970s a series of informative reports and studies on such issues and their links with social stratification - this on several occasions in fruitful partnership with his wife Helen, an experienced practitiooer in education; and on some others

with younger colleagues. Sheffield University's School of Social Studies, which Kelsall came to head in 1955, was then pointed an assistant lecturer at a small unit offering con-Hull University College, where he began a formidable record to a range of employments in so-of publication with books on cial welfare. Within just a few

industrial relations and their years, he had extended its activities, transformed it into a Department of Sociological Studies, located it firmly within the faculty structure, and introduced an honours school of sociology.

Tensions were inevitable, both intellectual and persocal. Kelsall presided over these with customary equability; but also with an unassertive persuasive-ness which, along with diversity of academie background, was to lay the foundation for a thriving multidisciplinary department of sociology, social policy and social work.

Kelsall's first and abiding interest was in history: a subject, he said, which did not change, by contrast with sociology. And for all the high respect he just-ly earned within the latter field, he regarded himself as "a caretaker for sociology" oo behalf of younger rising professionals, for whom his support and advice were always unstinting. Naturally enough then, it was to historical research that he returned on his retirement in 1975; and as Scots alike, he and his wife demonstrated their eoduring energy and flair in evoca-tive joint studies into their native country's social history, including Scottish Lifestyle 300 Years Ago (1986). Kelsall now also found time to turn a longstanding love of antique glass into full connoisseurship, and with two fine books about 18thcentury glass (the most recent was *The Open-Flame Lamp*, 1995) established himself as an

authority on the subject. A man of wide interests and empathy, as well as of gentle temper and suhtle humour, Keith Kelsall will be sorely

> Eric Sainsbury and John Westergaard

Roger Keith Kelsall, sociologist and historian: born Milngavie, Scotland 23 January 1910; Assistant Lecturer, Hull University College c1935-42; Head, School of Social Studies, then Professor of Sociological Studies, Sheffield University 1955-75 (Emeritus); married Helen Lightbody 1934 (one son); died Sheffield I May 1996.

vinced de Gaulle that such

bloodshed would be fatal, and

it was his policy which suc-

ceeded, the insurrection simply

For this Crépin was promoted to be Commander-in-Chief

in Algeria, but here he was less

successful. He was nicknamed

"Cassenoisette" because of his

prominent jaw, and he was dis-

trusted as being too close to de

Gaulle. At the same time he was

influenced by the atmosphere

and uttered several "Algéric française" remarks. He was

Jack Weston

Hemingway wrote up the diated such glory and provided Miguel Bose, becamperience of that summer in a many good builfighting after-

As both villain and comie actor, ern Gunsmoke. It was the first ing from would-be killers inadchultby Jack Westoo excelled in of hundreds of television roles, vertently takes refuge in a hoineffectual hlunderers who are including episodes of The Unoot quite as smart as they think touchables and Twilight Zone, Richard Lester's frantic direc-

As a hitman in Mirage (1965), he is heartlessly shot by his colleague when being used as a hu-

man shield by the hero, in Wait until Dark (1967) he is run down by the mastermind he and his pal plan to double-cross, and in *Ishtar* (1987) he is ageot for two of the world's worst songwriters. His fine flair for comedy was showcased both in Hollywood and on Broadway (where he received a Tony oomination), ootably in works by Woody Allen, Neil Simoo and Alan Alda He was born Morris Weinstein in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1925, and at the age of ten was enrolled by his father in Cleveland Playhouse after his schoolteacher had complained that the mischievous boy seemed hap-

piest wheo play-acting. After serving as a machine-gunner in Italy during the Second World War, he studied at the American Theatre Wing in New York, stating "If someone would give me 80 dollars a week for life just to let me act that's all 1'd ever ask." After marrying actress Marge Redmond, he worked as dishwasher and elevator operator prior to his Broadway début in the play Seasons in the Sun (1950), which preceded other small roles on stage and in the early days of live televison. lo 1957 he and Marge decided to try Los Angeles where he was immediately cast in an



Wait until Dark and The Thomas Crown Affair (1968), democ-

strated his fine flair for comedy io Please Don't Eat the Daisies (1960), It's Only Money (1962), Cactus Flower (1969), A New Leaf (1971), and Fuzz (1972), a farcical account of police work which included a memorable sequeoce in which cops Burt Reynolds and Weston disguise themselves as ours.

A compulsive worker and worrier, Jack Westoo fouod the Los Angeles boring, and re-turned to New York in 1975. The following year he repeated oo screen his stage role in Terence McNaily's The Ritz. as a heterosexual male who, flee-

Births,

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if wished, to Parkinson's Disease

Society.

SMITE: On 7 May 1996, peacefully, Sir Howard Smith. Service to take place at the Kent and Sossex Crematorium. Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday 16 May at 12 noon. Pamily flowers only, donations if wished to the RNIB or MDND of a Children to the RNIB of a Children to the RNIB of a Children to the RNIB of a

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MARRIAGES & DEATHS should be

mosexual bath-house. With they are and frequently come and regular roles in the series tion, what had been hilarious on joke farce on screen, but the same year Weston had a Broadway triumph with a leading role in Neil Simoo's California Suite, starring in two of the four playlets. A self-confessed "hypochondriac, paranoid, ner-yous wreck", Weston and leading lady Tammy Grimes didn't

noons leaves his mark. He'll al-

He married the Italian film-

star Lucia Bose in Las Vegas in

1954, and in a Spanish church

ceremony the following year.

They had three children, with

Pablo Picasso and Luchino Vis-

cooti as godparents. Their son,

Miguel Bose, became a leading

ways be remembered."

Weston made his film debut in Stage Struck (1968), and

speak to each other off-stage throughout the play's run. Weston's association with Si-

mon continued when he headed the touring company of The Last of the Red Hot Lovers, and in 1981 Woody Allen cast him as a sleazy personal manager in his play The Floating Light-Bulb, for which he received a Tony nominatioo (he was beateo by lan McKellan io

The same year he starred oo screeo in Alan Alda's perceptive story of four marriages through the years, The Four Seasons, as a cantankerous dentist, and he played the same role in a spin-off television series (1984). His last stage appearances were in Measure for Measure and a revival of Paddy Chayevsk's The Tenth Man (1989), but for the last six years

he battled with lymphoma.

Tom Vallance Morris Weinstein (Jack Weston) actor: born Cleveland, Ohio 21 August 1925; married Marge Redmond (marriage dissolved), Laurie Gilkes; died New York 3 May 1996.

Dominguin was seriously gored at least 15 times, and withdrew from the ring in 1960. He made a brief comeback in

1971 and his last bullfight was in Barcelona in 1973. He won the right to change his surname for the nickname He insisted that he never re-

celebration.

remembered.

He was already a distin-

guished officer, a specialist in

artillery, when he joined Free

France in the summer of 1940.

He was attached to Leclerc

and his army in West Africa, and

he fought with them in their epic

expedition to Tripolitania. From

there he transferred to Britain,

to prepare the Secood Ar-

moured Divisioo for the inva-

sion of France. He was beside

Leclerc from the moment the

division landed in Normandy,

but in spite of his loyalty to him.

it was typical that he should

afterwards have been critical of

his tactics, particularly claiming

that Leclerc's deployment of

troops hindered the movement

of the American army under

Indo-China with Geoeral

Leclerc. They had the task of

oegotiating for the future

French re-occupation of Indo-China. For a time Crépin was

In 1945 Crépin was sent to

General Gerow.

tired, he "just stopped buil-fighting indefinitely".

bicup to fight wild buffalo

Luis Miguel Gonzalez Lucas, Dominguin, bullfighter born Madrid 9 December 1926; married 1954 Lucia Bosie (one son, by which he became famous two daughters, marriage dissolu-through royal decree in 1990. ed), 1987 Rosario Prime de Rivera; died Sologrande 8 May 1996.

General Jean Crépin

On the morning of 24 August in Chung King and negotiated 1944 a reconnaissance plane directly with Ho Chi Minh. He was later the chief French Paris and dropped a message.
It was signed by Colonel Crépin and it stated "Hold on: we are January 1947, the question coming." This meant that Genarose as to whether he should return to Indo-China as French eral Leclerc was on his way and was going to relieve the French capital where insurgent forces High Commissioner and carry out his policy of giving the were still fighting against the German army. That evening, at about 10.30, the first units French colonies some degree of independence. Crévin assisted Leclerc in this period of occotiation and indecision, and of Leclerc's army arrived and the bells of Paris rang out in is one of the few sources of information about the stormy This was the most dramatic interview between de Gaulle moment in the distinguished and Leclerc, which turned out to be their last meeting. Leclerc career of General Crepin and, unfairly perhaps, it is the best

refused Indo-China and was killed in an air accident shortly afterwards. Bot Crépin had other preoccupations. In 1945 de Gaulle had erected a Commissariat for Atomic Energy, and after his retirement it continued to function and it was always helped by Gaullists in various positions.

Crépin, who had been made brigade-general, played a most important role. He was in charge of the committee for nuclear explosious, a committee that was so secret that few government ministers knew anything about it. He can therefore be coosidered one of the creators of the French bomb, although when it was exploded and an excited de Gaulle cried "Hurrah for France", the more realistic Crepin said that it was "only an

experimental device". But before this event (13 February 1960) Crépin had, like many army officers, to go through the experience of Al-



geria. In 1959, as a full generat he was serving at Ain Arnat, south of Oran, when de Gaulle gave his first intimations that his policy in Algeria was one of "autodetermination". This was not supported by General Massu, the commander of the Army Corps of Algiers. He was removed from his post and a wave of protests swept through would be joined by many sec-Algiers. On 24 January 1960, tions of the army. Crépin coo-

Crepin: one of the creators of the French atom bomb fighting hroke out in the capi-tal, some 24 people were killed and barricades were put up. Crénin was ordered to succeed Massu (with whom he had

fought in Leclerc's army). The

danger was that the army would

fire on the rebels, and this

would lead to a widespread re-

volt against de Gaulle, which

would be joined by many sec-

therefore removed to take command in Germany and also to command the Central Europe section of Nato. He was the youngest five-star general in the French Army wheo he retired in 1967. He then began a career as an industrialist. His experience as a military engineer made him an ideal president of the North Aviatioo Company, and eventually in 1970 the National Society of Aerospatial Industry, and the French-German Euromissile Company. In this capacity, the

man who was one of the creators of the French atomic bomb became one of the creators of the Exocet and other missiles.

General Crépin had many decorations, including the Distinguished Service Order.

Douglas Johnson

Jean-Albert-Emile Crépin, soldier and industrialist: born Bernaville, Somme 1 September 1908: mar-ried 1948 Simone Granday (deceased, two daughters); died Achères-la-Forêt, Seine et Marne 4 May 1996.

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Family Fortunes

Can the Sainsbury family see off the toughest competition it has ever faced? Paul Vallely and Nigel Cope report

Rags to riches and back in two generations, goes the old City adage. You get the general idea: eoterprising father builds business, son gently dis-sipates the inheritance, and the grandsoo finishes the job by throwing it all away. Moralbeware of investing in dynastic companies run by the third or fourth geogration.

There are plenty of excep-tions - bankers like Rothschild or grocers like Sainsbury's. At least until yesterday. Sainsbury's, for generations purvey-ors of quality groceries to the middle classes, posted its first slump in profits since it became a public company, with earnings tumbling to £712m last year compared with £809m the

year before.
Is the fabled family dynamic finally asserting itself within what was once Britain's largest food and wine retailer? "Was" being the operative word. Tesco, the erstwhile cheap and cheerful "pile it high, sell it cheap" grocer to the plebeian classes, has acquired style and last year stole the Sainsbury crown as the UK's largest food retailer.

Certainly the burden of the geoerations weighs heavily on the shoulders of chairman David, the sixth Sainsbury to run the company since it was founded in 1869, Every mornof the firm's headquarters in central Loodoo past the busts and portraits of his forebears, four generations of grocers who created Britain's most powerful commercial dynasty from the foundations of a single shop in Drury Lane.

He may be Britain's richest person, apart from the Queen, but his every commercial move is watched over by his uncle John, Baron Sainsbury of Preston Candover, who was chairman of the business from 1969 to 1992. Though officially retired, he maintains an office oo the sixth floor from where, as joint president of the company, he is said to monitor and sometimes question the moves his successor makes in what has lurned out to be the most travmatic period in Sainsbury's 127ear history. Insiders report

shouting matches. The firm yesterday blamed the fall in profits partly on the £48m it had to shell out to convert the Texas do-it-vourself stores it bought more than a year ago into its own Homebase format. But the City's verdict was more wide-ranging. The company is a victim of its own arrogance, said Robert Clark, director of the marketing analysts Corporate Intelligence. Sainsbury", he said, "has been like a supertanker, wallowing in its own wake, unable to turn "It's serious," said Dr Terence Gourvish, director of the Business History Unit at the London School of Economics. "They have lost their first-mover advantage of producing for the middle-class market. They are reaching a point where they must have a serious reorientation."

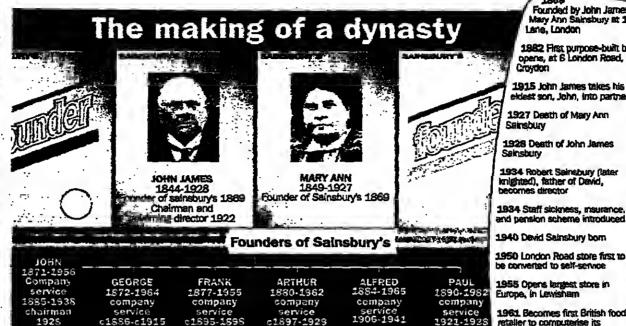
Por generations, Sainsbury's has been the place where the English Home Counties mid-dle classes bought their gro-ceries. (Stores in Wales and Scotland opened only relatively recently.) In its early years, when other grocers were chut-tered and often insanitary, the one started by Mary Ann Sta-ples, who had grown up in a dairy business, and John James Sainsbury, a hardware mer-chant and grocer, was distin-guished by its cleanliness, order

and high-quality produce.

Over the years it became an institution which was respectable yet innovative. During the First World War, when fresh food was scarce, it pioneered its own-label jams, spices and pot-ted meats. In the Twenties, it established branches along the new suburban railway lines. It maintained service with mobile shops when its branches were destroyed in the Blitz. It opened the first self-service store, modelled on America's burgeoning supermarkets. By 1955, it had ing he walks along the corridors to his office on the fourth floor of the firm's headquarters in computerised in 1969; the first supermarket petrol station was opened in 1974; Homebase home and garden centres came along in 1981. It was at the forefront of bar code scanning technology, and its exotic new products, from strange fruits to fromage frais, helped to transform the diet of the English family and left its rivals strug-gling to keep up. Hand in hand with all this went a concern for good relations with its staff and

e community.
When David Sainsbury took over as chairman in 1992, he was in stark contrast to his prede-cessor. Lord Sainsbury had been an antocrat, feared and yet respected as "a man with a gut instinct for the grocery business". He roled through rigid lines of command, with power concentrated in the hands of an inner sanctum at the top of the company. David Sainsbury is different. He is a diffident, cerebral man with passions outside supermarkets," said one insider. An old Etonian who lives modestly in Notting Hill, his hobbies include plant biology and politics - he is patron of the Social Market Foundation and a friend of David Owen. If he had not been born a Sainsbury, it would never have occurred to him to become a grocer.

Since he took the helm, Sainsbury's shares have slumped from 579p to 372p,



company service c1897-1929

SERVICE AND PARTY. The first generation 1969 John (later Lord Sainsbury a Bed dii q ROBERT JAMES 1906 company 1909-1984 company service FAMILY

Post-war

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DAVID

The Fifties and Sixties

1869
Founded by John James and Many Ann Sainsbury at 173 Drury Lene, London

1882 First purpose-built branch opens, at 6 London Rosd, Croydon

1915 John James takes his ekdest son, John, Into partnership 1927 Death of Mary Ann

1928 Death of John James

1934 Robert Sainsbury (later knighted), father of David, becomes director

1934 Staff sickness, insurance, and pension scheme introduced 1940 Devid Sainsbury born

1950 London Road store first to be converted to self-service 1955 Opens lergest store in Europe, in Lewishem

1964 First regional distribution centre opens, at Basingstoke

1967 Sir Robert Samsbury step down as a director, Alam, Lord Sainsbury, steps down as chalman

1960s David Sainsbury launches Gatsby Foundation to fund chantable projects

of Preston Candover) becomes charmen 1973 Public flotation 1973 David Sainsbury becomes

> 1974 First edge-of-town store opens, at Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, with petrol station 1976 First Weish branch, at

1979 Sainsbury co-founds Homebase with 75% stake

chairman of Tesco

1991 David Sainsbury donates £1.m to Cambridge University, to help young engineers 1991 Sainsbury Wing at National Gallery opens 1991 Homebase Spend & Save loyalty card introduced

1992 First Scottish branch, at Preston Candover, stands down as chairman. David takes over.

1993 David Sainsbury donates £200m worth of shares to the Getsby Foundation from his personal holding, technically ing the foundation's worth to about £500m

1995 Tesco launches Club Card 1996 Card scheme due to be

the FT-SE 100 index by 48 per cent and the supermarket sector by 28 per cent. Since 1992, £1.2bn has been wiped off the value

of the family's 40 per

cent holding. "He has introduced a more consensual man-agement style," one industry observer said. "He asks people what they think, but because of the way Sainsbury was run in the past they are not used to think-ing." Others say Sainsbury is trapped in a time-warp. "There is something almost Dickensian about Sainsbury's, says Richard Hyman of the retail consultancy Vertical research, "It is class-rid-

den. Tesco and Asda are much more egalitarian." These are the firms that have proved David Sainsbury's nemesis. Since Sir Ian MacLaurin took over as the chairman of Tesco in 1973, he has transformed the company from a down-market, discount retailer to the equal of Sainsbury's both in market share and quality. Its marketing

and customer service has been judged much eleverer - as was evidenced by the success of its loyalty card. introduced last year. which has doubled its rate of sales growth (now three times faster than Sainsbury's). And

Asda became one of the best-performing stocks in the Footsie last year under Archie Norman's recovery pro-gramme, which iocludes gimmicky promotional schemes such as singles

nights, stops hrolly patrols. While rivals have been innovating, Sainsbury's

has carried on much as he-TCSchiefly by e-

ngaging io periodic price wars. Terence Gourvish at the LSE explained: "In the age of the two-job family, the trickiest segment is readymade meals. Marks & Spencer

and Tesco have been very imaginative there and Sainsbury's haven't - at least that's the market perception.

Most significantly, David Sainsbury has split the roles of chairman and chief executive, stepping back from the day-to-day running of the supermarkets. The new chief executive, Dino Adriano, who was appointed in January, has disbanded some of the Sainsbury's committees which made decision-making so slow. A new, much younger marketing director, Kevin McCarten, has been brought in from Kinglisher; a new corporate communications director, Dominic Fry, has been recruited from Eurotunnel, a sign that the

company feels it needs better "crisis management skills". Nobody is writing the obitu-ary for Sainsbury's. If it is a fam-ily firm in crisis, it is not a crisis of the magnitude of that which has seized the Littlewoods empire since the death of Sir John Moores in 1992, the Forte group early this year, or the Gucci dynasty, which dissolved after only three generations when an Arah investment company stepped in and settled its

Parts of the husiness have flourished in the past few years. DIY has been a great success in the 17 years since Sainsbury's opened its first Homebase store. In North America, it took cootrol in 1987 of Shaw's, a New England supermarket chain, and has steadily increased the number of stores, boosted sales per square foot, and improved operating profit; profits rose 15 per cent in the first half of the last financial year, to \$42m, ft has also bought 16 per cent of Giant, America's 15th largest food retailer, and Giant's shares have riseo 50 per cent since it took its stake.

But some insiders suspect David Sainsbury's lust for overseas cooquests has contributed to the oeglect of the British food husiness in the past few years. Why else would the super-markets have failed to take up the concept of loyalty cards, which were pioneered by Dino Adriano when he was head of Homebase? Its Spend & Save card, held by more than two million customers, has played a large part in its success. Yet the company left it to Tesco to seize

Yesterday, David Sainsbury pledged to be more aggressive and to claw back the ground lost to Tesco and Asda. He admitted that Sainsbury's had made mistakes and had "lost the marketing battle" in which it has been outmanocuvred by Tesco and Asda. He announced the firm's plan to develop loyalty programmes, which will include a loyalty card and a credit card with add-on financial services that could include a deposit account, pensions, or PEPs. The question must be: has he left it

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MP leaves no stone unturned

The Register of Members' Interests could have contained a particularly interesting entry reading something along the lines of: "Shepherd, Richard (Aldridge-Brownhills) – occasional income from running the Rolling Stones' box office", had the Honourab Member not passed up a potentially lucrative offer in his youth.

In a fund-raising video celebrating the centenary of the London School of Economics, the college turns to its rich and famous alumni for their memories. Shepherd recalls his then fellow studen



Mick Jagger approaching him about a forthcoming gig. "He put a proposition to me: why don't I put up £40 and take all the money at the door?" Proudly revealing how with

it he was, Shepherd asked him if, in fact, he meant to say "jig", and later, seeing Jagger eating in the refectory with the rest of the Stones, advised him not to "consort with those types of persons". He goes on and explains his unfortunate career decision. "I am not a pop enter-tainer, I had to go for the next best thing, a backbench Conservative MP."

Jagger, who dropped out after one too many accountancy exams - well one, actually - recalls meeting the future Euro-sceptic MP in 1961. But his memory of the incident is less clear "Richard Shepherd tells a good story," he laughs. "He claims I offered him £40 of the gig money. Why would I give Richard Shep-berd £40? Maybe it's true."

Well, he might be available again this time next year

Professor Eno turns the tables

Richard Shepherd can be relieved he wasn't at college with Brian Eno, musi-

cian and composer, producer of David Bowie, multi-media artist and visiting pro-fessor at the Royal College of Art. Eno's diary of his life in 1995, which is published next week, eschews diplomacy - for example, "Elton John looked very down and his claim that There's life in the old girl yet' made you think there wasn't much." At the launch of his diary next week in a Royal College of Art lecture theatre, Eno and his publisher, Faber and Faber, are holding a two-way press conference. "It is your chance to question Eno," said a Faber spokeswoman, "after which he and his multi-media and

graphic design students will be ques-

Action replay for Redwood

Words" is the uplifting title of John Redwood's continuing manicially booklet of his speeches, pub-lished yesterday. The speeches, I

have no doubt, are utterly original. The name of the booklet, I have to inform Mr Redwood, is not.



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"Action Not Words" was the title of Edward Heath's election manifesto in 1966. Sir Edward and Mr Redwood are not natural soulmates, either politically or personally, Indeed, I recall Sir Edward being rather rude about Mr Redwood when the latter challenged John Major for the party leadership. So I can only assume that Mr Redwood's decision to use the same title is not so much a gesture of solidarity as an admission that he was not a youthful campaigner back in

Memoirs of a survivor

The same phrase, "Action Not Words" could well be a suitable title for the antobiography of Steven Norris, the transport minister, whose string of girlfriends, following his separation from his wife, featured in the press the week before John Major announced his "back to basics" initiative. "Remarkably, he remained a minister" (the phrase is his publishers' on their blurh, oot mine).

His autobiography, still untitled, will be published by Hutchinsoo in October. The publishers say be will deal not only with his private life but discuss persocalities, including John Major, Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo, "with a frankness rare in political memoirs". Looks like October may not be the time to have an election campaign.

Strummer's lament

If violas are the joke instruments in a symphony orchestra, and drums in a rock band, it seems that banjo players have a tough time everywhere else. Roger Slater from Malvern offers: "What's the definition of an optimist? A banjo player with an answering machine."

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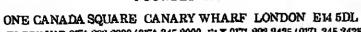
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news to bore us all silly and thus get the topic out of the headlines again; for standing by in case Margaret Thatcher should make a bid to get back into power and if necessary hit her with his handhag; for working on his new book The Joy of Europe and for promising not to complete it for agreeing not to conduct in public ever agaio - £5,000 per week.

Michael Heseltine: For agreeing not to make his final push for power and topple John Major from office until I give him the say so -£5,000 per week.

David Mellor: For undertaking to act as consultant to various large compa-



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Whitehall back to bad habits

open administration since the First World War. Not much of a claim, perhaps. But one of John Major's most attractive instincts had been his wish to move away from that closed, anally-retentive Whitehall culture which, inherited from Labour, Margaret Thatcher made tighter still. Thanks to him, we know more about our secret administration, notably Cabinet committees; the flow of official information has widened and deepened. Even the Treasury oow has a home page oo the Internet. Most famously, the Prime Minister (perhaps be had little choice) gave Sir Richard Scott generous terms of reference for his inves-

digation of the "arms to Iraq" imbroglio. But before Sir Richard had got far, the skies above the Major government were clouding over. And since Sir Richard reported, it seems that British government is reverting to its nasty habit of attempting to rule in private. It is as if Sir Richard's report never was. After the Government woo in the House of Commons and Sir Nicholas Lyell, William Waldegrave and accomplices escaped censure, the report bas been buried. Sir Richard was summoned to answer MPs' questions vesterday. He might legitimately have turned tables and demanded of them: What changes have you sought in the operations of the state that would guar-antee you - legislators, custodians of the public interest - are oot again going to be boodwinked by slippery ministers and their morally unperturbed civil servants?

Were there really no lessons from Scott for the conduct of government? Where is the committee of current and former permanent secretaries that Sir Robin Butler ought to have convened to consider the report's significance for offirialdom? Where are the new Civil Service College courses on ethics, lying and par-liamentary accountability? Where, indeed, are the orders and new legislation be recommended, the thoroughgoing reform of export licensing he asks for, the clarification of the legal powers of Customs and Excise, the Whitehall re-engineering he implicitly endorses?

The question is no sooner asked than

Until recently the present Government had a legitimate claim to be the most MPs questioning Sir Richard to be shining knights of open and more honest governance when they cannot even muster themselves and hold to their own rules on declaring their outside interests? Their own regulator, Sir Gordon Downey, might as well resign, for all his effectiveness. The day a motion of censure condemns David Mellor, Sir Edward Heath and those other paladins of outside earnings, that Il be the day that the House of Commons gives in earnest of its intention to begin

the process of parliameotary reform.

And if that is utopian, surely our parliamentarians can stand up against the executive arm of the state on behalf of one group who are among the most vulnera-ble to abuse of state power; prisoners in jails. Imprisonment, even justified committal to a harsb peoal regime, does not rob individuals of elementary rights to care and due process. The Government itself accepted as much when it established, two years ago, the first ombudsman for prisoners. In that role, Sir Peter Woodhead has performed creditably. Yet be is now on the point of resignation because the Home Office and its prison administration obstructs him at every turn.

It is as if government ministers did not understand the meaning of the word "independent" - a notion that they all too ready to bandy around when it suits them. We are told that the regulators of the utilities and the lottery and the railways are indepen-dent. Yet it seems that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission works with one eye firmly fixed on its political masters, to second guess their intentions. We are assured that Lord Nolan's strictures on appointments to quangos will be followed because the Government too believes in merit and independence. Yet when the Government appoints ombudsmen, it seems to swiftly

and skilfully marginalise them. An open government bas no fear of ombudsmen. It relisbes the independence of its appointees. More open government was once one of John Major's proudest boasts. It could yet be a rallying cry for an anti-statist new Conservatism Mr Major is turning his back on open gov ernment. He should lonk to his laurets.

A gelatin victory, but we're still stuck

Dritain's jellymakers have cause to feel a little more jolly. The EU commissioners decided yesterday to recommend

That is where the job of reassuring consumers must start and continue.

The scientific case for lifting the ban on lifting the ban on certain British beef byproducts - gelatin, tallow and semen - so long as they are processed according to strict guidelines. But we are still a long way from a return to a flourishing beef

For a start, Germany has said it does not want the ban lifted on any beef products at all. That is a problem because Britain will need a majority of votes among member states to get the gelatin han lifted at the forthcoming meeting of EU veterioary experts. Despite the agriculture minister Douglas Hogg's promise to cult all cattle aged over 30 months, there is no sign that the EU will allow

other beef products off the island. The Government may have legitimate complaints about the way some in Brussels have handled the crisis. An opportunity to show how the EU might help a struggling British industry has been turned into a field day for Euro-sceptics. Yet the fundamental problem, and its solution, still lies in British fields and cowsbeds.

some by-products sounds persuasive. The World Health Organisation recently concluded that gelatin was safe, because the intensive heal treatment used in manufacturing would kill off any infectious element in the meat. British gelatin, bowever, comes from a herd of cows in which about

200 cases of BSE are reported each week. If the Government is to have any bope of persuading our European partners to start eating British beef again, it will bave to do more to convince consumers that British herds are BSE-free. Culling elderly cattle is not the answer. While cows over 30 months may be most likely to show symptoms of the disease, their younger sons, daughters and siblings could still be incubating BSE. The Government is foolish not agree to the practice followed in other countries of wiping out berds with BSE, then restocking them from scratch. Until they draw up a strategy to put the industry on a new footing, the Govern-ment and the farmers will still find it hard

to win support in Brussels.

nies such as British Aerospace, and

giving them the impression that the information be is giving them is not a lot of twaddle; for undertaking not to

churn out more than five articles a day

on opera and Glyndebourne, and for

undertaking oot to go on air about

fontball, opera, etc., etc. - £5.000 a day.

Note: as Mr Mellor has signally

failed to abide by any of these under-

takings, he has not been paid anything

Tony Blair: For acting as a consultant to this column on Christiao matters

John Prescott: For acting as consultant

to this column on the lore and language

Tony Beam: For acting as consultant

on upper-class mores - £600 a week

of the middle class -£300 a week.

paid to socialist charities.

by me for two years.

£300 per week.

Revealed: what I pay my MP friends

My wife has been in hospital

Sir: The usual combination of sharing cost, rather than assum-Government to take seriously the plight of elderly people forced to impoverish themselves to pay for long-term care ("Pension deal aims to protect assets", 8 May).
The brief debate in the House

of Commons regrettably, but predictably, became a "tax on the elderly knockabout with all the usual arguments about which party costs the taxpayer less. Unless we are proposing to deny care to the elderly and frail - the logical conclusion to the low-tax argument - then the big question is not "do we pay for care" but

bow do we pay for care?" The Government states cate-

efficient.

Insurance, after all, is based on the principle of pooling risk and the principle of pooling ris

History of environmental awareness

awareness ... about the environfew tiny and largely ignored envi-ronmental organisations".

The Labour government bad in 1967 set up the Countryside Commission, and in 1969 the (permanent) Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. The Department of the Environment was being set up, comprehensively to include Land Use Planning, Water and Air Pollution, Transport, and Countryside. The first Stockholm International Conference on the Environment was in preparation - it took place in 1972.

The International Parliamen-tary Conferences on the Environment were meeting regularly.
The Commonwealth Human

were the pub bore in some inter-

minable bar-room conversation - ie.

by leaning up against the dispatch box

on one elbow and looking round him with an ineffable grin of self-satisfac-tion and thus destroying all credibil-ity that be might otherwise gain from

what he is actually saying, also, for agreeing to delay his dismissal of Mr

Heseltine as Deputy Prime Minister and thus spiking Mr Heseltine's ambi-tions for all time until 1 give him the

say so; also, for letting me exclusively

have the date of the oext general cleo-

tion, ta, John -£40,000 a week in cash.

Malcolm Rifkind: For agreeing to go

to a speech therapist to get that stran-

gled semi-Scottish accent straightened

out-£500 oow, £5,000 on completion.

Rupert Allason: For various spying

and intelligence jobs - £50,000 per

Roy Hattersley: For acting as a con-

sultant to my forthcoming sensational

exposé television drama set in the

House of Commons, entitled There's

no such thing as a free lunch especially excel when Roy Hattersley is one of the num-ber and is going for the full menu - Hill

(Tony Crosland), and chairman of the Department's Environmental Royal Commission.

getting cushy consultancy jobs with all the best people, and for equally coo-sistently failing to get selected for any constituency anywhere as a Tory can-

didate, and thus demonstrating to all

but the most cynical that you don't

even have to be an MP to get cushy consultancy jobs with all the best people - £5,000 a week.

Brian Mawhinney: For giving plea-

sure to a lot of people by agreeing to be spattered by egg and paint by my operatives; for insisting on being addressed as Doctor, and thus sound-

ing about as authentic as his country-

man Ian Paisley; for giving a lot of

people a lot of pleasure by sounding

absolutely convinced that the Tories

are going to win the next election and

that they want to win it - Equity rates.

My thanks to all these and many more

for accepting money so unquestioningly.

Full list of MPs in my pay on application.

Yesterday, due to a rush of blood

from the head, I referred to Radio 3's

excellent jazz presenter as Mel Smith.

This should, of course, have been Mel



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

since suffering a major stroke two

years ago. She will require round-

the clock nursing for the rest of

ber life, but new and stricter

years ago, would have continued to receive in-patient care from

the NHS: In my 65th year, I am

unemployed, arthritic and with a

heart problem. What philan-

thropic insurance company is

of around 80 years, my wife and

I believed that we had paid our

dues by way of National Insur-

ance contributions and income

tax, but now the policy appears to have been cancelled. Is this a fair

a computer skill

Sir: As a senior software engi-

with astonishment the statement

"but even computer games will build up keyboard skills" in your

article Britain leads way in PC

When I conduct job inter-

views I am not impressed by can-

didates who boast of creating

World Wide Web pages. Computer literacy has nothing to do

with playing games, using word processors, or "suring the Net"

- it is not about computers. Computer literacy is the ability to

characteristics to support them.

world" (2 May).

After combined working lives

going to take us on?

Who should pay for care of the elderly?

tirefess lobbying and a pending election has finally provoked the on one's own. The coming decades will see the ratin of people of retirement age to those of working age rise significantly. Such a shift requires a scrious debate now if we are not of bed closures, threaten the to experience buth a public security of those who, until a few

> ARCHY KIRKWOOD MP (Rosburgh and Berwickshire, Lib Dem) House of Commons ·London SW1 The writer is Community Care spokesman for the Liberal Democrats

expenditure and a care crisis in

Sir. The plans of Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, gorically that the responsibility to encourage the elderly towards for financing care lies with individuals, yet by encouraging those care may spir members of same individuals to insure them— younger generations into action selves for care costs, they implie while they still have time and itly accept that a collective money; but Mr Dorrell offers no the Government as a wasting approach is both fairer and more comfort to those already requir- asset?

Sir: Tom Burke is ingenuous in suggesting ("The earth now needs smarter friends", 6 May) that 25 years ago - in 1971 - "Public" Environment Council had been running for more than 10 years.

As for what we have now, he is right to say that "Friends of the neer working for a major com-puter network company, I read Earth did not accomplish all this ment was low. There were only a on its own". But it should not have been "a never-ending source of wonder ... when I Tom Burkel joined the Department of the Environment as 'a special adviser in 1991' ". In 1969 (Sir) Martin Holdgate became the scientific adviser to the Secretary of State

> Science Advisory Group, the immediate fruit of which was the The great point is that, as was first said (by a French thinker) in the 1960s, the world economy is a subset of the world environment. LOID WAYLAND KENNET House of Lords

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone oumber. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.nk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

John Major: For agreeing to adopt my suggestion of behaving at Prime Minister's Question Time as if be Norman Lamoot: For consistently

Baffled by single currency

Sir: Your story 'Feuds rack Tories for, or prospects of, inflation? as poll defeat looms" (2 May) shows that people in the UK are still very uncertain about the European single currency. They don't want to commit themselves now, but neither do they want to rule it out

On one reading, this could be put down to a thoughtful "wait and see" attitude, with concerned citizens sagely discussing the pros and cons. But if you put your story side by side with a survey that the European Movement carried out in January, what emerges is a more believable picture of simple

In our poll, two out of three Britons said they did not know enough about the single currency issue to vote confidently on the issue in a referendum. And again. over 60 per cent wanted to keep options open. This was despite the fact that people bad beard more of the arguments a rainst the o

deal? Or must we regard our selves simply as members of a lost generation, to be written off by cept than those in favour. Guisborough, Cleveland a hot topic, the substantive arguments are rarely discussed. How 'Net surfing' is not higher than Germany's and would be lower if we were part

of a currency with less of a record

in town halls, in schools and colleges, and above all in the media. The Government can promote such a debate without abundoning its neutrality and should do so, No one can complain about the result of a fair contest - and pro-Europeans believe that they will win if there is onc. But it would be a tragedy if the issue were to be decided not by understanding and open debate but by ignorance and prejudice. DAVID VIGAR

Britain needs a proper debate

Director of Communications The European Movement London SW1

Sir. You report the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, indicating during his meeting with our Prime Minister (30 April) that he was prepared not to bring immigration and justice issues into the ambit of European institutions of current IGC, though be insisted The subject has a mirage-like that such a move, fiercely opposed quality, Although it appears to be by the British, would come in the next five to six years.

And to think I was under the many people, for example, know impression we joined the EU in that British interest rates are order to foster improved trading opportunities.

Manchester

No logical link between guns and crime

Sir: It is a pity that you gave no source for the "research" that shows "strong links between guns and high crime rates" ("Government to resist calls for firearms ban", 2 May), because the figures in your chart are hardly correct. Switzerland has a population of about 7 million people wbo

own approximately 5 million guns, 600,000 of them assault rifles. This represents rather more than the 15 per cent of households in the chart. No ooe really knows how many

analyse situations, flexibility of thought, confidence in intuition and an interest in learning from households cootain guns in the experience. Teaching children information technology "skills" is US, but the 1990 population of 248,710,000 and the 1993 figure useless unless you teach these (source: FB1) of 16,189 murders by firearm give a rate of 65 per Schools should forget spendmillion. However, it is not true to say that the US bas lax gun laws;

ing mooey on expensive com-puters and spend it instead on William Morris's more teachers to keep class sizes down and on teaching children to socialist dream

STEPHEN READ

Slowing down for children

Sir May I, through your columns, thank the anonymous parents of Laura, Tracy, Adam, Andrew, William and Donna ("Poignant video that says: speed does kill",

8 May).

By allowing us to share the pain of their loss for just a few seconds they did a great deal towards beloing save the lives of children they will never know. As a fast driver (now slowing to think) I would like them to

know that the "kill your speed" TV commercial was not only very moving but I suspect very effective, for if it slows me I can't be the only driver affected. Budleigh Salterton, Devon

Holy addendum

Sir. A little footnote to your article, "Hnly war: the battle of St Stephen's" (6 May); TS Eliot was the church warden of St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, for

Lynton, Devonshire

they vary enormously from state to state and even city to city. New York City has ferociously strict bandgun control, hut a general murder rate of 23.2 per 100,000 population. In New Hampsbire, where no one without a criminal record may be refused a licence to carry a concealed, loaded firearm, the general murder rate

tional figures of the kind you purport to show demonstrate no easy, logical or consistent relationship between levels of legal gun ownership and murder by firearm.

Sir: A pity Jonathan Glancey (Weekend, 4 May) revives the old right-wing myth that William Mor-ris wasn't a Marxist. From his later writings and actions it is quite clear he believed his dream could only be realised through replacing cap-italism by socialism, and that this meant mass struggle against those holding wealth and power.
As J Middleton Murray wrote

in 1932: "Morris's socialism was completely realistic, as realistic as Marx's socialism, for the simple reason it was Marx's socialism." Morris enriched scientific

socialism in two distinctive ways. First, he put it over in strong, simple English free of German-style jargon. Second, he taught that the quality of life is far more important than the standard of living. He knew bappiness depends out on consuming more and more JED FALBY shoddy things but on cherishing h Salterton, a few beautiful and useful objects, and above all on baving interesting and fulfilling work.

DAVID GROVE Holt, Norfolk

Ancient tradition

Sir: Does it occur to Colin Campbell (Letters, 30 April) that the tra-Andrew R White goes back to the Ancient Greeks? curse Sir Walter Raleigh, he was TONY LOIZOU

is 2.0 per 100,000 population. Numerous studies of interna-PETER BROOKESMITH

Kensingtoo Rifle and Pistol Club London W14

Nationalism in the **Home Counties**

Sir. Andrew Marr ("Beef isn't the burning issue", 7 May) notes that withdrawal from the EU would "represent the triumph of a style of conservative English nationalism" and rightly suggests that this would probably lead to the secession of Scotland from the UK.

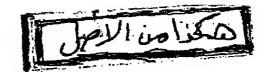
The nationalism he identifies would be more accurately described as south-eastern English nationalism; its underpinning is the City financial complex and the aptly named Home Counties. It is resented not only in Scotland but also in Wales, the north of England and the West Country.
This sort of nationalism is likely to lead to the disintegration of the British state itself.

SIMON PAKTRIDGE

A curse on Raleigh

Sir: Martin Kelner refers to Juhn Lennon's song "I'm So Tired" as something of a paean to the cigarette (Section Two, 7 May) but neglects to mention Lennon's lambasting of the man widely acknowledged for introducing the weed to these islands: "And

> CONRAD WILLIAMS London NW3



comment

Westminster's mirror to the real UK

The register of MPs' interests reveals a Britain of do-gooders, consultants and fat-cat journalists

It is a failure of character, doubtless.

I lust as some sad people pore with remarkable number of unpaid and volfascination over old railway timetables and others hunch intent on minutely memorising Wisden, so I find what MPs do in the apparently spacious acres of their spare time fascinating. In the new social calendar, few events are more thoroughly eojoyable for political nuts than the annual publiation of the Commons' Register of Memhers Interests.

There have been many columns written about the question of parlia-mentary "interests" - what should be hanned, what declared and why certain MPs refuse to participate. In the post-Nolan era a hattle will oow ensure between the press and some parliamentarians about their duty to he frank. But that has become familiar enough. Today I want to try a dif-ferent tack and ask what the register says, not about individual MPs, but

about Britain in 1996. Some people will object that it says nothing at all about "Britain", only about the 600-plus members who deigned to fill in the forms. But this is wrong. True, MPs do not comprise a sample of the nation - they were cho-sen by party caucuses and the wider electorate, not by polling organisations.

They are mostly male and middle class. But they are representative in a dif-werent way. However cross we may he with them from time to time, they are our elected representatives. They have fought their way up and claim to speak for us. Their interests and selfmage are a very distorted mirror of the nation, true. But this mirror's pitted, bumpy reflection is worth squint-

remarkable number of unpaid and voluntary acts of charity work recorded here. There are lines and lines of unpaid directorships of companies restoring old housing or helping peo-plc with learning difficulties; of charity work on behalf of everyone from the obese at home to the starving abroad; and of trusteeships of everything from opera festivals to campaigns for the Brighton Pier.

No one talks about it. But it's there, alongside the fat-cat directorships and the headlines about sleaze. Some of the voluntary work is, no doubt, nosey do-goodery. But a lot is just the doing of good. Not all MPs are cynical. Not all the cynical ones are all cynical. In that the register is a useful mirror; for Britain remains a country pullulating

with quiet voluntary activity. What about those other organis tions for mutual self-help, the trade unions, whose sponsorship of Labour MPs is another of the most regular features of the register? Should we exclude them on the grounds that they are a political relic? The Labour modemisers would prefer that the subject became unmentionable in polite society. They would prefer a more genteel source of party funding - such as the general tampaver.

But the array of Unison, Usdaw and GMB sponsorship for local parties in the register is worth recording, if only as a reminder that, however briskly metropolitan Britain has dismissed trade-unionism as an irrelevance. 9 million Britons are still trade-union members. Even after casualisation, contracting-out, "the end of the job" and all that, 36 per cent of employed Let's start with the best part of the people are in a union.



Almost every MP who isn't a consultant is a columnist for someone

What else? MPs travel both more

than most of us and to odder places.

Few private citizens are sent plane tickets by the Greek Cypriot Brotherhood, the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East, or the People's Assemhly of Syria. Thomas Cook this isn't. In some respects, the popular prej-udice about MPs junkets is amply born out; few financial systems and refugee camps can have benefited from such gratifyingly close attention as those which happen to be situated in the Cayman Islands. But MPs' trav-

els do have some wider messages about Britain in 1996. Among the most frequently visited countries, Germany ranks very high and Italy, often because of German-sponsored political conferences, is popular too. Reading through the register you come across many references to the

Konigswinter conference; to visits to Munich to discuss Rover cars with BMW or to attend the Wehrkunde conference; to the Friedrich Ebert wealth of the big German political foundations. But, insofar as it also reflects a country with increasing German links - not something you'd discover from most newspapers - the register's distorted mirror doesn't lie.

Looking hard, you can find more chies about our recent economic history. There is the odd, forlorn-sounding one-liner: Labour's Dong Henderson records his involvement in "Ossian Economic Services Ltd (no income)." Neil Hamilton, the Tory who helped back a former colleague. records: "Cottonrose Ltd, clothes retailer - no dividend ever received." Add in the numerous references to Lloyds ("resigned") and you begin to get the message; these have oot been

golden years.

How, then, might this Register
Nation of taken-over manufacturers and struggling traders be earning its living today? Here, readers prone to depression or anxiety attacks should break off and head south-west to Miles Kington. For the truth is that we seem to be becoming a nation not of shopkeepers but of coosultants. Among the MPs are consultants to leisure companies; consultants to recruitment consultancies; consultants to management consultants. Here a consultant, there a consultant ...

The relatively obscure Labour MP George Howarth turns out to be a "consultant" to Coopers & Lybrand "on global economic and financial issues". One Tory MP is a "consultant" to a company specialising in document management. An emblematic MP in this respect is Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, who is a public relations con-

Stiftung and the Kourad Adenauer sultant to a "surface coatings" com-Foundation. That partly reflects the pany and a director (I kid you not) of Ferret Public Relations."

Now, what is alarming about all this is that it corresponds so closely to one's perception of what is happening to the country beyond Westminster. Almost everyone seems to be a consultant these days, advising other peo-ple oo something slightly difficult to pin down. One half expects to see, some years hence, a single paragraph in the International Herald Tribune reading: "The United Kingdom was unavailable vesterday. Everyone was in a meeting." in a meeting."

Even now, the country seems

divided into three main groups. There are the honestly and officially unemployed. There are the consultants, And then, according to the register, there are ... well, the journalists.

The highest-paid of those MPs who deigned to register their employment is Roy Hattersley, who makes well over £100,000 from his journalism. But he is only the most successful of a vast and growing army of scribbler-politi-cians. Almost every MP on the regis-ter who isn't a consultant seems to be a columnist for somebody, a freelance

journalist or a broadcaster.

A strange crossover is taking place.

As real journalists lambast the parliamentarians and attempt to set the political agenda themselves, so the politicians are hitting back by turning themselves into journalists. Why not? Journalism is often better-paid, easier and just as influential as the life of the backbench MP. And we have one great advantage: with the exception of the press gallery, journalists don't have a register of interests for the rest of the country to mock,

Our God-given dominion

A prize-winning evangelical scientist is preaching a new green theology, says Andrew Brown

Richard Dawkins, probably the most famous atheist in Britain, bases his argument against God on the truth of evobition. So it can come as a shock to realise that there are other scientists, quite as committed to evolution as Dawkins is, who have no difficulty with

Christianity.
One of the most distinguished is Sam Berry, professor of Genetics at University Col-lege London, who will today be given a cheque for £3,000 as winner of one of the British Templeton prizes for progress in religion. Sir John Templeton, the millionaire American stockbroker who each year gives a prize of £700,000 for progress in religion globally, also gives a whole network of smaller prizes here and in America.

The links between Christianity and and evolution are subtle and complicated. Despite the fact that Darwin died an atheist, and one of his chief opponents was a bishop of Oxford known as "Soapy Sam", there have been plenty of Christians, especially Anglicans, 10 embrace and defend the theory of evolution. Few Christians in this country hold to a doctrine of the literal truth of the book of Genesis, and for those who do, the findings of geology are at least as disturbing as the the-ory of evolution. The society of ordained scientists, for priests with doctorates in science subjects, has more than 60 members, among them the former

Habgood, Professor Berry points out that RA Fisher, a scientist rev-ered by Dawkins, who brought mathematical rigour to genetics and biology in the middle of the century, was a devout Chris-tian who preached regularly in chapel.

Archbishop of York, Dr John

Some Christians see evolution as a theological advantage, in that it seems to relieve God of some of the direct responsibility for the borror of the world. if His purpose was to create with free will, they argue, then such things as the struggle for existence between the Aids virus and human beings may

have been necessary. Professor Berry is reluctant to go that far, or lo draw any large theological conclusions from his scientific knowledge.

He is a sturdy, brisk man with a short white beard who speaks in sudden bursts. He is one of the most confident doubters 1 have ever known, in the sense that he is extraordinarily forceful about refusing to draw conclusions that he does not see party to launch this declaration warranted by the evidence. at a London church.

However, evidence for God's existence must, he thinks, be of a different sort to evidence for scientific theories. He himself was converted to evangelical Christianity at a boys camp in his late teens, shortly after the death of his father.

"You can get a glimpse of God's tactics, but not his strat-egy out of nature." he says, "I would accept that it is God's world. Natural selection is the method that seems to operate in nature. If you assume that God is operating in nature, that is the method he uses, It may seem to us a slightly daff method, but our ways are not his. That's called faith." "You can't prove God's activ-

'In Genesis, we are given responsibility for looking after the rest of creation'

ity from nature, though you can get some clues to it. You have got to read both the book of nature and the written book -the Bible. Dawkins neglects entirely half the data, which is the written word."

It is from the Bible that Professor Berry concludes that all Christians have a responsibility

"In Genesis, we are specifically given responsibility for looking after the rest of creation. That is the theology of the environment. The word 'dominion' in Genesis has been gloriously misinterpreted. That dominion is given wholly to us as individuals made in God's image - he has made the world. handed it over to us, and said look after it'. That, to me. is much more important doctrine than all this farting about with evolution, creation, and all the rest of it

This has been a controversial viewpoint in Evangelical circles. loo excited by the possibility of Jesus's return to worry much about what happens to the world before then. Even moderate evangelicals have an extraordinary paranoia about anything that can be labelled "New Age". But things are changing.

Professor Berry has got 90 prominent British evangelicals to sign a declaration committing their churches to enviroomentalist values. In fact, he says, he intends to spend part of his prize on drink for the

Hail the welfare revolution

Both parties now agree that full public provision for all our needs must end, says Nicholas Timmins

This week the shape of the welfare state changed. Not yel in reality. But in a big way in terms of the ideas that are likely to mould and drive it over the coming decades. On both sides of the political divide, new partnerships, both between the citizen and the state, and between the public and private sectors, are

in the making. Stephen Dorrell's scheme to allow middle England to protect some of its assets from the means tests for long-term care is a new report. And Chris Smith's twin statements on the role of the welfare state - revolutionary for Labour - have implications that could go way beyond the large bul narrow field of the £90bn social security budget.
"We have," Mr Smith said, "a responsibility

as a community to support those amongst us who fall on hard times." But, he instantly added, we also have "a responsibility as individuals to make provision in our own lives for those times when we can't earn and support our-

selves by doing so. He coupled that with a statement that the state must act "as the guarantor of all provision, the regulator of all provisioo" hut the administrator only of "some" of that provision. "The welfare state is after all a framework which the Government sets in order to enable citizens to achieve security; it is not a particular mechanism per se for delivering that security." Implicit in that is more private provision both by individuals in terms of insurance and savings, and by the private sector in terms of delivering services.

Take Mr Dorrell's scheme first. Individuals who take out private cover will be able to protect a larger part of their assets, including their home, from the increasingly invasive means tests for long-term care. By allowing individuals to protect more of what they have earned, the scheme should reward thrift, responsibility and self-provision. Mr Dorrell has established a new type of partnership in the welfare state.

What has driveo Mr Dorrell's new approach and has started to underpin Labour's thinking, is the ageing population, which is proving evermore costly because of their requirements for health and social care. Meanwhile, there is the problem of how to finance better and longer education for the general population. All of these problems are arising at a time wheo peoplc are increasingly reluctant to pay higher taxes. Given, however, that such services still have

to be paid, for, whether privately or publicly funded, a certain logic then cuts in. Those areas of social provision which can sensibly be privately funded – paid for out of savings and investments for the future rather than out of taxes - should be so funded. And the items best funded are those where the scale of need is broadly predictable, where the impact is timelimited, and where individuals can be shown to

benefit directly from their own expenditure. Thus pensions are a prime candidate for private funding for those who can afford to contribute. So, equally, are parts of education witness the seemingly inevitable move to some form of graduate tax once Sir Ron Dearing's university review, supported by all the parties,



The first family allowance day, 6 May 1946: now the state is relinquishing its role as the great provider

plans for social and nursing home care for the elderly. Acute health care of the sort the NHS provides is not suitable for such an approach, however, because needs are neither predictable nor time-limited and because it is highly debat-able whether higher private spending at the expense of public speoding would actually produce better health care.

reports next summer. So too with Mr Dorrell's with Serps or to use them to wind Serps up, and whether, as Frank Field would like but Gordon Brown is likely to resist, the taxpayer will put in contributions for those who cannot afford them. Labour, too, for all its over-thetop oo-the-day reaction to Mr Dorrell's package, has ideas for partial equity release schemes

to help fund long term care.

Beyond that, it is gazing through a glass

Driving Mr Dorrell's new approach and underpinning Labour's thinking is the ageing population

The first step that Labour will take in the direction mapped out by Mr Smith is likely to be an annooncement soon that it wants to replace the remainder of Serps, the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme, with a new funded system - in partnership with the private sector. Big decisions on how to do that remain - whether to run the new schemes in parallel

darkly. But we can expect a friendlier attitude to the role of private finance in the NHS. If Labour reaches government it is also likely that it will show greater acceptance of private delivery of publicly funded health and social care. Further down the road, there will be more private contribution to education, perhaps initially funded by the state but

later repaid by those who benefit through a graduate tax. The great divide in this recast public/private mix may come over compulsion. This week's announcement aside, the Government's approach has generally been to cut back public provision - on SERPS, mortgage interest pavments, income support and unemployment ben-efits, to name hut a few - but to provide only

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incentives, no compulsion, for individuals to cover themselves. The risk is that they will then fall back on tax-funded means-tested provision. If Labour wants to avoid that, while ensuring, in Mr Smith's phrase, that the state remains "the guarantor of all provision", then certainly in pensions and possibly in other areas, Labour may have to compel contributions to whatever

oew partnership schemes it launches.
The Conservatives will paint that as just another tax. But without it, the recast relationship between the citizen and the state may lead only to a more divided society and yet greater reliance on means tests which in the end will cost the taxpayer dear.

'Dipping flu' is a real illness

First became ill after helping with Isheep dipping in the summer of 1989. About three weeks after dipping got up one morning and felt so tired, I had to go back to bed. Other symptoms soon followed. Initially I was told I was depressed, then it was the menopause, shingles, postural problems and, when none of the treatments worked, it must be psychological. I was in constant pain and my head felt full of porridge. At rest my leg and arm muscles would twitch vioitly, and sleep was chisive. When it did come I was plagued by nightmares. I could not sit or lie down in comfort and simply getting dressed was an ordeal. I twice took the shotgun to a remote spot on the farm.

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It was not until May 1992, when I read a short article on "dipping flu" that the association between the dips and my illness was made. I began to realise that organophosphates, used in sheep-dipping, were the cause.

Hundreds of farmers are in the same situation. Many endure a life of chronic fatigue; muscle and joint pain; an inability to concentrate; language problems; sleep disturbance; bladder incontinence; sensitivity to a wide range of chemicals including per-fume, petrol and diesel fumes, chlorine and phenol, and perhaps worst of

Margaret of Mar

all are the brain disturbances. These include intolerance of noise and bright light, depression, sudden rages and impulsive suicidal thoughts. Whilst organophosphates are designed to work on the central nervous systems of the target pests, we also know that they affect the immune system, so symptoms are bound to be diverse.

Yet the Government insists: "There is no evidence that long-term, lowlevel exposure to organophosphates can cause chronic ill health in humans". The many farmers who believe their ill health is attributable to exposure to these chemicals have yet to be examined by the Department

Since 1992, with the support of hundreds of victims and their families and advised by scientists, I have challenged ministers' assertions. We have made some progress in that the Government is funding an epidemiologi-

cal study among sheep farmers, but that will not be complete before 1999. We need to establish centres of expertise (experts in this field can be counted on the fingers of one hand) where those who are ill can receive diagnosis and treatment and where clinical studies can be conducted. This the Government steadfastly refuses, saying that the expertise is already available nationally. Their experts admit that much more research needs to be done. If I had a choice, I would like to see a moratorium on the use of organophosphates

The Countess of Mar is holder of the Premier Earldom of Scotland.

until their safety is proven.

URGENT! 600 grans need to escape from poverty and disease There are thousands of elderly people around the world, like Sadia pictured here, who need help. But in the last month alone we have heard of 600 who are in desperate nee Many of these people are frail and destitute. Some are in urgent need of medical attention. Yet most have no families they can turn to for help. And if we don't find 600 sponsors for them on some of these grans could die. For just over 42 a week. you can save a life. By sponsoring an elderly person in need, you can hasic essentials of life, such as food, clothing and medicines. What's more, your sponsorship will also support vital projects which will improve life for entire Most of all, just knowing that someone cares can make a elderly person in need. To find out more, this the coupen now and post to: Mrs. Helen Riggs, Adopt a Granny, Help the Aged. FREEPOST. London ECIB 1JY

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Sainsbury's profits slump sparks plan for 'aggression'

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Sainsbury's announced its first profits fall in its 22 years as a public company yesterday, but pledged to improve its performance with the launch of a loyalty card, a credit card and a host of "more aggressive" marketing campaigns.

Announcing a 5.4 per cent fall in pre-exceptional profits to £764m, chairman David Sainsbury said: "It has been a very competitive environment and we have been hindered by a smaller store-opening programme. But nevertheless we don't think it has been a satisfactory performance. We haven't done as well as we should."

He admitted Sainsbury had "lost the marketing battle" to ri-vals Tesco and Asda, which have gained market share with a series of price campaigns and, in Tesco's case, a highly successful loyalty card. He denied Sainsbury's had become complacent. Sainsbury's is to launch its own loyalty card in the next two months. It is also working on a credit card with a view to

offering other financial services. Although Sainsbury's has released few details, it says the card will be cheaper to operate than Tesco's ClubCard and will not involve the quarterly mail out of discount vouchers. Kevin McCarten, the marketing director, who joined the compathat other features would be

lavered on to it" at a later date. Sainsbury's shares rose 15p to 372p as the company increased the dividend by 3.4 per cent to 12.1p and promised a more progressive dividend policy which will see the dividend rise by an average of 3 per cent above earnings growth "for the

The group's malaise had forced the company to undertake a four-mooth review of its operations, which had constituted the most thorough ex-amination in its 126-year history. "There were no sacred cows," Mr McCarten said.

As a result it has conceived a four-point strategy it hopes will help restore its market share and revive its flagging sales volumes. These pro-grammes focus on delivering better quality and choice, better value for money, improved customer service and new customer loyalty programmes.

The strategy did not impress City analysts. Tony MacNeary of NatWest said: "I'm not im-pressed by these four hullet points which are hacked with very little detail. I'm bemused by the rise in the share price. People think that it's all going to turn out hunky dory. But f

The company said it hoped to

oy in December, said the initial shift the balance of its market-card would be "fairly simple" but ing more towards quality. ing more towards quality, choice and customer service than price, although price campaigns would still continue. Sainsbury's has also com-

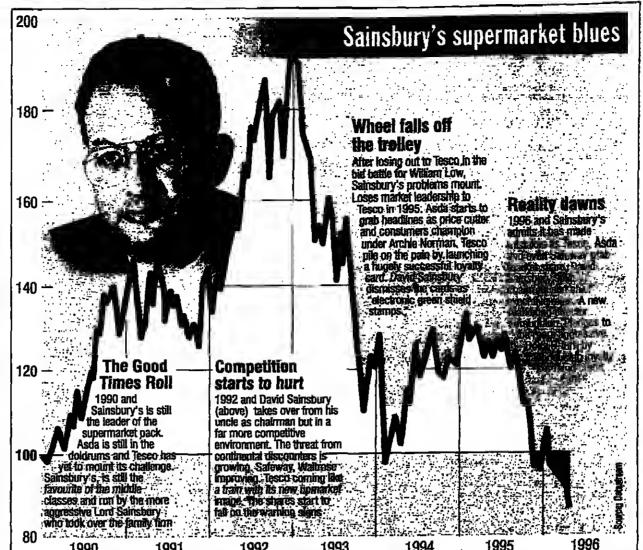
pleted the management reshuffle, which started in January when David Sainsbury split the roles of chairman and chief executive, handing over the running of the UK supermarkets to Dino Adriano. The other chief executive post was filled ves-terday when the company named David Bremner as its chief executive for new businesses, which include the DIY husinesses, Homehase and Texas Homecare as well as the US interests, which include Shaw's and the 16 per cent stake in Giant Foods.

Mr Bremner, 38, is currentchief executive of Watson & Philip, the Dundee wholesale group. Prior to that he worked at Sainsbury's for 11 years.

Kevin McCarten has already joined as marketing director from Kingfisher. Last week Sainsbury appointed Dominic Fry as corporate communications director. He joins from Eurotunnel in the summer.

Although Sainsbury's pre-

exceptional profits were only down 5.4 per cent to £764m, the pre-tax figure slumped from £809m to £712m due to a £48m provision to cover the more rapid conversion programme of



share price compared to the market rebased to 100 on Jan1 1990

the acquired Texas Homecare DIY stores into the Sainsbury Homebase format. Losses at Texas Homecare totalled £10m

last year. Group sales were 12 per cent higher at £13.5bn. The most worrying trend was the 5.1 per cent fall in operating profits in

ness to £744m. Although sales increased by 2.6 per cent on a like-for-like basis this failed to keep pace with food price inflation of 4.5 per cent.

Profits were hit by improved customer service measures, price campaigns and "inefficient mar-

the core UK supermarkets busi- keting". Like-for-like sales have risen by 3 per cent since the year end although the petrol price war has continued to hurt and could cost £10m-£20m this year. The operating margin de-clined from 8.2 per cent to 7.3 per cent last year and David Sainsbury warned that he did

margins this year. Analysts have cut their fore-

casts for the current year.

NatWest Securities has downgraded from £797m to £780m. SG Warburg also cut to £796m.

not foresee a recovery in the

Paul Vallely, page 13

RTZ meeting ends in walkout by protesters

PATRICK TOOHER

About 30 representatives of indigenous groups from across the world walked out of KIL's annual geoeral meeting in cen-moaned one shareholder. The tral London yesterday after Sir Derek Birkin, the chairman, barred further questions from the floor about the company's counted. mining activities.

The protest came shortly after one environmental activist atwhere the massed ranks of RTZ's board were assembled.

largest mining company, of "crimes against the planet" hefore he was collared by security guards and dragged from the QEII Conference Centre in Westminster.

The campaigners failed to having on local habitats and stop Sir Derek from winding up communities. the two-hour meeting by calling for a poll in an effort to extend

in respect of 354 million shares out of the 355 million represented in the hall to quash the

"I nar's democracy meeting then degenerated into an undignified shouting match while the rest of the votes were The rowdy end was at odds

with the rest of proceedings, which were more like a debate tempted to storm the podium at the United Nations than the soporific, rubber-stamping affair that passes for annual share-He accused RTZ, the world's holder gatherings these days. Speakers came from Papua New Gumea, Colombia, Madagascar and the US to air their views on the impact RTZ and its associates' mining operations, both existing and proposed, are

They were joined by Londonbased pressure groups Friends the question-and-answer ses- of the Earth, Survival and the



High pressure: Demonstrators outside yesterday's meeting Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

Madagascar mineral sands project and its involvement with Grasberg, the copper-gold mines located in Indonesia's Irian Jaya

sioo. Sir Derek used proxy votes World Development Movement, retrievable damage to the envi-

which demonstrated outside the ronment". The mine, which is venue on issues including RTZ's potential involvement in a highlands.

The World Development Movement is calling on RTZ to withdraw its £500m investment in the expansion of the Grasberg mine, claiming it will lead to "ir-

owned by Freeport, a US mining company where RTZ has a 12 per cent stake, was closed last month for three days following a series of riots by workers, most of whom come from outside the Irian Jaya area.

Robert Wilson, chief execu-tive, rejected allegations that Freeport was involved in human rights abuses in the area and reiterated RTZ's commitment to work with local communities,

"particularly where indigenous people are involved, so that even when the mine has finally closed we have helped to sustain their chosen way of life". None of this reassured the

campaigners. One shareholder, who travelled from Nevada claiming indigenous families had been removed from a reservation to allow RTZ to mine for gold, didn't even bother to put a question to the board. "Talready know all the answers," she said. I tional Power bid went ahead.

Southern made power sale offer

The US utility Southern Company offered to sell up to a third of National Power's generating capacity had it been allowed by the Government to proceed with an £8bn break-up bid, it

Southern of Atlanta, Georgia, would have disposed of an extra 3,000 to 4,000 megawatts of capacity m addition to the 4,000

clear that the other generator, PowerGen, will almost certainly sell its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity to another US group, GPU-Cinergy, which launched an agreed £1.7bn bid for the company earlier this week.

Southern said provisional talks had been held with a number of potential buyers - thought to include a number of regional electricity companies keen to expand their interests in generation - on the basis that the Na-

megawatts National Power is selling to Hanson for £1.7bn had its bid gone ahead. Meanwhile it also became

The American company is understood to have explored every avenue in seeking to persuade the Presideot of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, to allow an offer,

However, Mr Lang refused to meet Southern's executives or announced that the Governmeet had decided to retain its golden shares in both National Power and PowerGen to view of their importance as generating companies operatng in a market which is not yet fully competitive." Mr Lang said the Government would be prepared to reconsider the positioo "as and when the Government is satisfied that there is adequate competition in the generation and supply markets".

His stance continues to confuse Southern and other players in the electricity market since Southern was prepared to deliver precisely this increase in competition by selling off more of National Power's capacity. National Power has 17 stations with a capacity of 20,000MW.

In an unprecedented move the world's two higgest aircraft en-gine manufacturers, General Electric and Pratt & Whitney of velop a new engine to power a 500-600 seater version of the Boeing 747. This is first time that the two giant American manufacturers have combined on a civil engine competitive threat to their The two US companies said yesterday that neither was pre-pared to fund the estimated

\$2bn (£1.3bm) cost of develuping a new engine on its own. Boeing, which has codenamed its super-Jumbo the 747-500X/600X, was instrumental in getting GE and P&W to explore a joint programme.

The new engine will have a thrust range of between 72,000

lbs and 84,000 lbs but would offer "significantly lower operat-ing costs" than existing engines, the two companies said. GE and P&W would offer the new engine not only on the stretched version of the Boeing 747 but also on rival aircraft being planned by the European consortium Airbus Industrie

and McDonnell Douglas of the US, which is studying a stretched version of the MD-11. Under an agreement signed esterday, GE and P&W will set up a separate join venture com-pany, owned 50:50, to develop and market the new engine. Although they will be prepared to bring on board other risk- and revenue-sharing partners from around the world, management

control will remain with the two US partners.
In a joint statement GE and P&W said the oew engine would offer substantially better weight, fuel burn, noise and cash

operating costs. The market for 500-scaterplus aircraft is put by Airbus at more than 800, worth about \$200bn over the next 20 years its own super-Jumbo, codenamed the A3XX, would cost would be a double-decker aircraft with a wingspan and length of 80 metres. ft is unlikely to be launched before 1998.

The announcement of the joint venture is a recognition that individual aero-engine companies can no longer fund the huge costs of development proerammes alooe, even if they are of the size of GE.

Rolls and its two US rivals all produced rival engines to power the oew generation uf "hig twins" - the Boeing 777 and the Airbus A330. Rolls has captured a third of the 777 market with its Treot engine. GE's contender is the GE90 while P&W has developed the PW4000. The rivalry between the three

for scarce airline orders has meant a fierce price war with profit margins cut to the bone.

George grows sceptical on currency timetable

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

Eddie George, the Governor of said. the Bank of England, said yes-terday be had become more sceptical about whether the single European currency would go ahead on time because of the economic slowdown in Europe. I am more doubtful now than I was a year ago," he told MPs on the House of Commons Treasury select committee.

But he added that there would be no technical difficulties preventing Britain taking part. The City of London would be trading in euros from 1 January 1999 whether Britain

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confident that we can be in a position to operating in euros whether we are in or out," he

The Governor argued that

Mr George also embellished ward investment.

his usual pragmatism on the single currency question by saying it was hard to see why Britain should stay out if it met the Maastricht criteria for entry and these were strictly applied. In those circumstances the UK would simply pay the penalty of higher interest rates without reaping any of the benefits of membership.

Britain's decision on whether to join the single European currency would involve a difficult ment about the costs and

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beoefits. Staying out would leave Britain with higher interest rates than countries that took part. It might also hit in-

However, he downplayed fears that the UK economy was too different in structure from Continental economies to give up an independent mon-etary policy. Preliminary Bank of England research suggested that the response of the UK economy to a change in interest rates was oot very different from the response in Germany

or France, despite huge differ-ences in housing finance. Instead, he emphasised the importance of rigorous appli-cation of the Maastricht con-

vergence criteria. He added that they were probably not sufficient to ensure that the monctary union was sustainable.

Mr George said he would therefore favour a mechanism to enforce sound economic policies after entry into EMU, along the lines of the "stability pact" proposed by Getman fi-nance minister, Theo Waigel.

He said the Maastricht criteria, especially those concern-ing government deficits and debt, were intended to prevent irreconcilable tensions emerging within the single currency.
"It is important that they should be applied with some rigour," he said. If economies had not converged some parts of the EU

could be stuck with high unemployment and few options for addressing it.

The Governor agreed there was a danger that some other countries might want to fudge the issue in order to meet the current timetable. "It is not possible at this distance to exclude this in the case where there is a very strong political determination to make it happen."

He repeated his earlier warning that there were risks in a "sprint for the finish". Taking action to reduce government budget deficits fast enough ha raised the risk of weaker eco nomic activity in France an Germany.



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Door stays open to Whitbread bid for Ramsden

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Whitbread, the City rumour mill's favourite predator, left the door open yesterday on dealers' latest speculation, a tilt at Harry Ramsden, the fish and chip shop chain. Sir Michael Augus, the chairman, said: "It would be wrong to comment negatively or positively on market rumours, so we won't comment at all. We are always interested in anything germane to our business."

The chief executive, Peter Jarvis, added, however, that Whitbread preferred to grow organically. Last year the company spent £345m on capital expenditure, more than three times the rate of spend needed simply to replace its existing operating assets.

Spending of more than £400m is promised this year as Whitbread steps up its move away from its traditional brewing roots into the faster-growing areas of managed pubs, hotels and leisure activities.

Mr Jarvis was speaking as Whitbread announced an 11 per cent rise in profits before tax and exceptional items, with higher profits from all four of its divisions. Star of the show was the restaurants and leisure close at 738p. arm, where the acquisitions of

Marriott's UK hotels and the David Lloyd Icisure clubs operation boosted profits by more than one third.

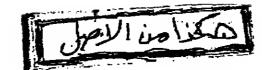
That contributed to a rise in group profits from £275.4m to £285.7m. Earnings per share increased from 38.5p to 43.3p, from which a dividend of 21.9p, up 8 per cent, was paid.

The restaurants and leisure division, which also takes in Whithread's Beefeater restaurant chain, TGf Friday's and Costa Coffec, received a high share of the year's capital spending, helping to turn around sales at Pizza Hut, fullowing 1993's profit collapse, and improve trading at Threshcr, the drinks' retailer, which also benefited from good summer weather, Sunday opening hours and the sale of Lottery

tickets. Profit and turnover at Whitbread Inns, which both grew by 13 per cent in the period, were driven by a strong showing from food sales, the fastest-growing part of the puh business, and an area in which Whithread generates much higher sales per puh than its competitors.

Whitbread's shares, up 27 per cent over the past year, gave up 8p on profit-taking vesterday to Investment Column, page 18

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'On many measures, Sainsbury's continues to outperform Tesco. It has fewer stores. but it is more

profitable, has greater sales per square foot. fatter margins and on some measures is more efficient'

Tesco pulls in front but the race is not over yet Why is it that the Oxford and Cambridge boat race always springs to mind when discussing the relative ups and downs of Sainsbury's and Tesco? Perhaps it is the drill.

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Sainsbury's and Tesco? Perhaps it is the drill. discussing the relative ups and downs of Sainsbury's and Tesco? Perhaps it is the dullness and predictability of the race. Or the fact that over the event's 142 years, the two

bave each won roughly the same number of races. What is certainly true is that the grocery trade has become a race of two competitors in which winner and loser occasionally get reversed, but not often.

Tesco has been winning for at least three or four years now, but there is no doubting the significance of yesterday's profits setback for Sainsbury's, even if it was widely expected in the City. This is the company's first profits fall in 22 years; if proof were needed that Sainsbury's has come badly off the boil, this is it. For so long the pioneer of all that is good in British supermarket retailing, Sains-hury's now seems to be trailing lamentably, following its competitors rather than leading them. Even the nationally available loy-alty card, once dismissed by David Sainsbury as no more than green shield stamps in electrouic form, is now going to be copied.

For the time being the winning streak

belongs to Tesco; its team looks quite unbeatable. But it was not always thus, nor will it always be so. The captain of the Tesco boat, Sir Ian MacLaurin, retires in a year's time and though be leaves an established. relatively young, and undeniably strong crew behind him, once captainless, Tesco may also become rudderless. Furthermore, in customer choice heing store location.

company. On many measures, Sainsbury's continues to outperform Tesco. It has fewer stores, but it is more profitable, bas greater sales per square foot, fatter margins and on some measures is more efficient. Despite the recent underperformance of its share price,

Sainsbury's is, moreover, still bigger in terms of market capitalisation. David Sainsbury's management style is plainly a very different one from that of his male, the man who made the company what it is today. But that doesn't necessarily mean that his more consensus-oriented approach is wrong. It may actually be more in tune with today's much larger company than his uncle's autocratic style. Mistakes have been made, there is no doubt about that. Sainsbury's has failed to stay ahead of the competition. Its tricks have been learnt and copied by Tesco, which has moved on and introduced a few of its own. Furthermore, the company's overseas expansion, chosing the US rather than the Continent, is prov-

ing a waste of money.

Most crucially, however, it bas failed to maintain its distinctive place in the market - high quality, greater choice, middle class and as a consequence able to charge that little bit extra. These days the customer barely distinguishes between Tesco and Sainsbury's - the most critical factor

family dominated, dynastically controlled nature of the company, is anyone's guess. What is certain is that Sainsbury's is not yet

so far adrift that it demands the fate that befell Forte. David Sainsbury is chairman by right of birth, true, but his family does still own nearly 40 per cent of the company. Furthermore, there is no evidence of the noncommercial pursuit of grandeur and empire that often characterises second or third-generation family companies. Sainsbury's doesn't yet need a new captain, hut it could certainly do with a Dan Topolski to turn its

Single currency: It's all a question of timing

Ignore the rhetoric of the Euro-philiacs and the Euro-bysterics – as the two camps bave been aptly renamed - and it becomes clear that a pragmatic consensus about British membership of the single currency is emerg-ing. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, expressed this tendency yester-day. Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown did so in a speech in Bonn the day before.

It seems an entirely common-sense view, Joining EMU obviously has pros and cons, whether or not it is the best thing for the British economy will depend on circum-

time then it is wrong in principle.

This is misguided. Timing is always of the essence in economic policy decisions. There is a clear example of this in the botched decision to join the Exchange Rate Mechanism. If Britain had joined when it was first proposed by the then Chancellor Nigel Lawson, it would have joined a far more flexible sys-tem, and would have been able to influence the evolution of the system. Over the next three years the ERM became far less flexihle. For a major currency like sterling to join at that point was, in retrospect, a disaster waiting to happen.

Similar arguments apply to the single cur-rency. Joining three or five years after the core group will not be an equivalent deci-sion to joining from the outset. Although there would still be a cost-benefit analysis to be made, the shape of the system would bave been fixed already. By taking part in the formation of the Euro, Britain would have a role in shaping it and ensuring that the criteria for its sustainability were met.

Picking value is hard in the biotech bubble

The rise and rise of the biotechnology sec-tor of the stock market apparently knows no bounds. Chiroscience has seen its

tat anti-cancer drug. After a further 20p risc to 520p vesterday, its market capitalisation is now £429m. This for a company which has never made a profit and which on Tuesday proudly announced a turnover of just £5m

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for last year. Others biotechs too have seen speciacular share price rises, if not quite on the Alpine scale of Chiroscience. The buge head of steam building up behind the sector is being driven by hopes that British Biotech, the acknowledged leader, will announce later this month that the latest tests on Marimastat are positive and bring it choser to the market. Prices are heing maintained by wildly optimistic claims from certain hrokers. Last month, for instance. Greig Middleton suggested that the "fair value" of British Biotech shares could be £70 by early next year, more than double their current price of just below £30. A year ago, they were

worth less than £5. The current market in hiotechnology stocks is taking on all the characteristics of a bubble, where investors are blind to the risks and keep piling in because the rewards promise returns beyond the dreams of avarice. Picking read value from the sector is akin to seeking needles in a havstack. The certainty that some of these companies will be abject failures should never be far from investors' thoughts.

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-Rothschild shaken by a third key departure

JOHN EISENHAMMER

NM Rothschild, one of the last remaining bastions of independent British merchant banking, was rocked yesterday by the de-parture of John Bishop, one of its top executives. His is the third senior departure in a matter of weeks, and insiders indicated

the rapidly changing world of



Anthony Fry: The second of the key defectors

City investment banking. Insiders reported angry outbursts as Sir Evelyn sought to stem the outflow.

Mr Bishop was managing di-rector of Rothschilds and its most senior executive responsible for trading activities. He is also chairman of the company responsible for the London Gold Fixing and advises the Bank of England on bullion matters. Mr Bishop is to join Union

Bank of Switzerland as senior vice president, where he will run the global precious metals and commodity risk management activities. UBS is one of the world's leading bullion houses.

The hiring marks another step in UBS' aggressive strategy of building up its activities in London, which is becoming the trol of the bank.

focus of the Swiss bank's global

investment banking operations. In late April UBS announced the hiring of Michael Phair, who was in charge of Rothschild's privatisation work in Eastern Europe and other emerging markets. His departure was a serious blow to Rothschild, which has enjoyed a strong reputation as an adviser to governments on

that several more heavy-hitters are about to leave.

The exodus points up growing dissatisfaction within the hank over the personal style of leadership of Sir Evelyn 'de Ethschild, the chairman, and a perceived lack of strategy in the regidly charging world of anyther of improvements of interest at a county series world of the sale of state-owned assets. Shortly afterwards Rothschild suffered its second series ous defection, with the departure to BZW of Anthony Fry, one of its high-flying corporate financiers. Mr Fry, aged 40, had been sexior director on a number of important acounts, including British Airways, Pearson and the Telegraph newspaper group. Mr Fry, who had joined Rothschilds straight from Oxford, was regarded as one of the leading members of the su-cessor generation within the bank. But he had also been given responsibility for Rothschild's press relations, a thankless task under Sir Evelyn, and is understood to have grown disillusioned.

The spate of defections exposes growing frustration among senior executives at Rothschild, where insiders describe an increasingly strained working atmosphere.

The acquisition last year by Merrill Lynch of the leading City stockbroker, Smith New Court, in which Rothschild had a 26 per cent stake, left the London merchant bank's strategy in disarray. The end of the special relationship deprived Rothschild of an important partner, and cast doubt on its ambition to remain independent at a time when other medium-sized British investment hanks were

falling to rich predators. Nat West Group, which was looking to bolster its own cor-porate finance business, held talks late last year with Rothschild about a joint venture, but they were eventually blocked by Sir Evelyn. In November Rothschild took the unusual step of issuing a statement that the family intended to remain in conDebt crisis: Small investors make their stand against restructuring plans to grab part of their equity



Bad Investment: French protesters under a tunnefling machine at Eurotunnel's offices near Calais, likening its shares to pre-revolutionary Russian bonds Photograph: Brian Harris

French shareholders rail at Eurotunnel banks

PETER RODGERS Business Editor

More than 600 angry French shareholders in Eurotunnel yesterday met in Calais to demonstrate against the sharp fall in the share price and creditor banks' attempts to take a large slice of the equity of the company.

Carrying banners comparing the battle over Eurotumnel to the scandals of defaulted Russian Czarist bonds at the beginning of the century, many of the shareholders arrived at the Eurotunnel offices on the French side of the tunnel on a chartered high speed train from Paris organised by campaigning action groups.

Shareholders said they had seen Eurotumnel as a long term investment and could not believe the price bad fallen so far - to little more than a tenth

of peak values. Some were sanguine about their losses. "What's gone is gone. I've lost the price of a new car, that's all," said one share-

holder, who was wearing the bright yellow badge of the campaign. It reads: "Eurotunnel - Stop the Rip-off.

The action came after leaks last weekend of plans by the banks to take up to 49 per cent of shareholders' equity in negotiations now under way to restructure £8.1hn of Eurotunnel

debt on which no interest has said they planned to raise proxy been paid since last September. said they planned to raise proxy votes for Eurotunnel's June been paid since last September. The trip to Calais was organised by the Eurotunnel Shareholders' Association, the

Association for the Defence of

Eurotungel Shareholders and the weekly finance magazine

annual general meeting.
"Until today, all shareholders

voted separately. For the first time, at least in France, shareholders are getting together and soliciting proxies," said Sophie L'Helias, a shareholder representative.

Industry confirms sharp orders decline

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

Six out of 11 regions of the UK suffered a sharp drop in manufacturing orders in the four months to April Production was either static or down in seven regions, confirming recent figures indicating stagnation in industry.

The weak results of the latest survey by the Confederation of British Industry and the consultancy Business Strategies Limited came as Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, held their contally meeting yesterday. The wo appeared to have decided to have base rates unchanged for the time being.

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of manufacturing and the rest of the economy, a leading City analyst yesterday revised up his prediction of the increase in house prices likely this year. Rob Thomas, huilding societies analyst at the investment bank UBS, boosted his forecast from 2 per cent to 5 per cent following the run of monthly price increases reported by Halifax Building Society.

Yesterday's regional survey by the CBI/BSL showed the steepest fall in orders in Wales and Yorksbire and Humberside. The only significant increases were reported in the East Midlands and Scotland, thanks to an increase in export demand. Despite slower growth in some of Britain's key markets, export or-However, in a further sign of ders were stronger than do-

Profits drop at **Direct Line as** price wars bite PETER RODGERS hold claims as a result of the

weather.

another £25m.

culties, so group profits were 11

per cent higher at a record

Direct Line has shaken up the

industry and is widely credited

with creating the intense com-

petitive pressures in motor and

last week's proposed £6hn

merger between Sun Alliance

Peter Wood, founder and

chairman of Direct Line, said:

"The past six months have been the most difficult trading envi-

ronment we have ever faced."

sustainable. "We have no doubt that the cycle will turn soon.

When it does we are hest

placed of any insurer to bene-

ht." Motor insurance rates -

down 20 per cent over two

years - were going up, so the second half would be better

than the first, he added.

He said the price war was un-

and Royal Insurance.

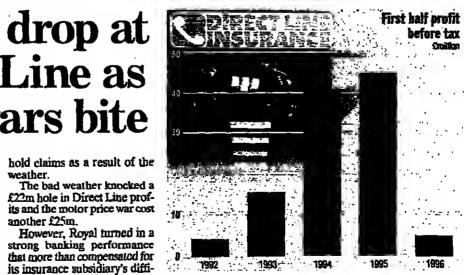
£301m for the six months.

Insurance price wars and bad winter weather yesterday took their toll at Direct Line, when it reported the first profits drop in a decade-long war against the es-tablished giants of the industry.

The telephone insurance company owned by Royal Bank of Scotland made a negligible £5m before tax in the first six months of the year compared with £45m a year earlier, hecause of falling motor insurance premiums and higher house-



Premium service: Peter Wood, Direct Line founder



"We are sneezing and the rest have a high fever." Mr Wood said. Direct Line might raise premiums 2 to 3 per cent, but competitors would need 10 per cent a year two years running to break even, he claimed. On household insurance, Mr household insurance that led to

Wood said: "Competitors will have to come down to compete with us." Direct Line's rates were static, it had good reserves and had provided well for subsidence claims caused by last year's drought.

Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of the parent bank, said the Royal and Sun Alliance merger marked "the beginning of a process of strategic consolidation in the UK general in-surance market which will cut capacity and ensure the survival of only the most efficient players". Direct Line has increased its

market share and raised its efficiency during the price war, so the operating cost per policy fell £6 to £45, Mr Wood said. But falling rates cut premium income £2m to £306m.

The most dramatic effect of the price war was a fall of more than a quarter in new bousehold and motor policies taken on compared with a year carlier, as Direct Line restrained itself from chasing unprofitable

Royal Bank of Scotland's interim dividend rose 17 per cent to 5.4p and bad dehts and other provisions fell from £71 m to £45m. Profit before provisions rose £5m to £346m.

Lord Younger, the chairman, refused to give any clues about whether the hank would buy a building society such as the

Lloyd's raises offer for names

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Lloyd's of London is to announce tomorrow a significant mprovement in the terms of its settlement offer for names which it helieves will clinch the insurance market's rescue deal. A brochure will be dispatched to the 34,000 names informing them that the offer will be in-

creased by at least £1.2bn. For the majority of names, the cost of drawing a line under their affairs at Lloyd's will be substantially more affordable. "After this information. I think we'll see the settlement process developing a strong. final head of steam." said one

leading names activist. A number of the 9,000 names who faced paying the maximum £100,000 premium into Lloyd's special reinsurance vehicle, Equitas, in order to cover all their old loss-making iabilities, will now find the cap

But Lloyd's sources said the extra funds would he spread angry lobby among those names who have continued to

halved to £50,000.

loss-making years, arguing that the focus of funds for assisting a settlement was too much in favour of litigating "won't pay Lloyd's has reached agree-

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ment in principle with the Department of Trade and Industry over the reserving requirements for Equitas, the result of which is that instead of needing an extra £1.9bn from names in final premiums, the amount will be just under

In addition. Lloyd's negotiations with market profes-sionals have enabled it to increase the £2.8bn pot for easing the settlement cost to names by at least a further £300m. Lloyd's is also near agreement with banks on a syndicated loan worth around £250m that it will keep as a standby facility.

The final individual statements on the Equitas premiums will be sent out in mid-June, with a vote on whether to accept the settleextra funds would be spread around nearly all the names on a sound commercial basis to ensure maximum support for which has lost over £8bn in the the settlement. Recent weeks last five years, will be able to have seen the emergence of an cut itself loose from all its pre-1993 policies, forming a New Lloyd's to trade profpay their debts to Lloyd's itahly into the future.

Whitbread finds life after beer

Perceptions are slow to change and Whitbread will no doubt be seen as a brewer for years to come. Actually, it is a retailer, increasingly of food rather than booze, and a leisure company that, among other claims to fame, is Britain's leading golf course operator.

In the year to March, brewing accounted for less than 15 per cent of group profits, slightly less than the profits contribution of the tied pub estate. Restaurants and leisure, where the portfolio includes the Beefeater chain. the Marriott's UK hotels and David Lloyd Leisure, chipped in twice as

much and managed pubs three times. That balance is a reflection of Whitbread's success in managing the transition from a declining, competitive market to a range of fast-growing ar-eas with potential to provide growth for years to come. One analyst calculates that the changes mean Whitbread is now more exposed to consumer re-

covery than any of its brewing rivals.

Another attraction of Whitbread lies in its ability to take advantage of better trading conditions by investing heavily in its growth areas. In the year to March capital investment of £345m

swamped depreciation of only £93m.
Although cash flow appeared to show a chunky £378m outflow during the period, adding back that excess capital spend and the cost of husinesses acquired during the year confirmed that Whitbread's underlying husinesses are

nicely cash-generative.

That gives it plenty of firepower to both grow organically and make acquisitions, although it poured water yesterday on the market's more outlandish rumours. Certainly the evidence of recent purchases is encouraging.
Buying Marriott's UK chain seems

to have caught an upturn in the hotel cycle at just the right moment. Occupancy in the six months since acquisition was 5 percentage points higher than in the comparable period at 73 per cent and room rates were nicely ahead.

Most impressive, however, is the way Whithread has outperformed modest improvements in its markets. In the last two years its share of the UK beer market has risen from 13.2 per cent to 14.3 per cent, with growth in the high-margin premium beers sector especially strong. On-trade sales rose slightly compared with a small market decline, while take-bome sales, up 15 per cent,

left a 7 per cent market rise standing. Since we described the shares, somewhat harshly, as a good safe investment six months ago, they have risen from 629p to 738p yesterday, down 8p after some profit-taking. On the basis of forecast profits of £320m this year and £354m to March 1998, the shares

mium to the market but, ahead of the expected consumer recovery, rightly 50. Still good value.

Sticky times for Tate & Lyle

Tate & Lyle's focused strategy is cur-rently flavour of the month in the City and, under the chairmanship of Sir Neil Shaw, it has helped to create the world's biggest sweeteners group. But sticking to its knitting means that Tate remains heavily exposed to the com-modity cycle, as yesterday's profits warning illustrates.

In January. Tate warned that profits in its Staley syrup and starch operation in the US would fall by more than \$50m this year. With the price of maize, a key ingredient, having doubled over the past 12 months and new capacity in the milling industry up 20 per cent or so this year, things look even worse. Analysts expect the contribution

stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15 falling to 14. That is a prean underlying figure of just under £80m.
The market for Staley's high-fructose

com syrup continues to grow at over 4 per cent a year on the back of the apparently inexorable rise in the consumption of soft drinks like Coca-Cola. But that means it could take another three years for the over-capacity to be absorbed by the market. With world grain stocks at an all-time low at ley to continue into 1997.

So first-half results yesterday showing pre-tax profits up 10 per cent at £168m for the six months to 30 March are largely of historical interest. The figures did, however, bear the scars of the 1996 sale contracts negotiated by Staley with customers in January. Although matching forward maize con-tracts mean the business is protected from future raw material rises, the margin from North American sweeteners and starches has still slumped from 11.7 per cent to 8.9 per cent in the first half. The underlying rise in operating profits from £72m to £77.8m in Europe

Whithread: at a glance Market value: £3.57bn, share price 738p ... 5-year record 177.0 234.0 275.4 285.7 Ulvidends per state (pance) Share price **Profits by activity**

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was insufficient to offset the damage across the Atlantic. The promise of Tate is still in developing markets, whose returns should be "well into double figures" this year on an investment so far of £150m.

But that will make little difference to immediate problems. Profits of £300m this year would put the shares, down 14p at 462p, onto a forward multiple of 11. Unattractive for now.

La Senza début attracts market

around 12 per cent of consumption, the outlook must be for the squeeze on Stascantily clad models draped across the financial pages of the national press that swung it. Or perhaps - just per-haps-it was the compelling investment story. Either way, shares in loss-mak-ing lingerie and nightwear specialist La Senza enjoyed a decent debut on the junior Alternative Investment Market yesterday, going to a 6p premium above their 150p offer price. The placing of 13.3m shares valued

La Senza at over £50m and raised £19.4m to fund expansion in the UK of a further 152 ontlets over the next five years compared with the 22 it has now. Quoted Canadian group Suzy Shier will retain a majority, 60.2 per cent. holding in the enlarged La Senza group, and provide most of the top rass with their proven track record.

Leaving aside the publicity material, La Senza has its attractions on fundamentals. With Marks & Spencer dom-inating the estimated £1.2bn British market, there ought to be plenty to go for, though competition is hotting up. Market research group Verdict estimates that consumer spending on women's underwear and sleepwear (including bosiery, which La Senza is also targeting) is set to grow by 28 per cent.
From a standing start two years ago,
La Senza's sales are set to reach £22m

in the year to 1 February 1997, with maiden profits of £2.3m pencilled in for the following year. The forward p/e would then fall from 35 to 15 in 1999, though the economic assumptions on

which these projections are based are little more than educated guess-work. Investors have always had a soft spot for concept retailers sporting aggressive roll-out programmes and bold profit projections. Some, like pub retailer ID Wetherspoon, surpassed the most optimistic forecasts; others, like computer games specialist Rhino, flopped after a warm reception. Shares in La Senza should go higher, but be prepared for a bumpy ride.

Scrap that old image," I'm on the Internet now

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK



Goodbye to all that: Cable links supplant scrap heaps for Britain's 72nd richest person

Paul Sykes is Britain's 72nd richest person with a fortune worth £220m, according to a recent survey. Mr Sykes also announced a couple of weeks ago that he is standing as a Conservative Parliamentary candidate in Barnsley Central. Mr Sykes made his fortune

selling scrap metal, and lat-terly helped develop the Meadowhall shopping centre m Sheffield. According to his spokesman, though, he would now like to be described as "chairman of Planet Online, an Internet service provider.

No more horrid scrap metal for Mr Sykes, whose new company claims to have the UK's largest ISDN network, a type of cable link which can transmit voice and video. No more muck, just brass.

Peter Wood, chairman of Direct Line, may bave been

smarting from the less than brilliant results he was reporting yesterday when he gave his own judgement on the recent Royal Life/Sun Alliance nuptials: "They were fighting like cats over the Halifax account (for reinsurance), they cut each others' throats on prices and they ended up merging."

Kinetica, the independent gas marketing company set up six years ago by Conoco(UK) and PowerGen, is recruiting. ft advertised yesterday for "a number of key analysts to bolster our 24 hour operations team ... The work will involve the daily matching of supply and demand, market monitoring, demand forecast-

ing..." and so on. Some unkind rivals were suggesting yesterday that this must have been prompted by

the events of Saturday 9 Did you know that China produces 4 billion pairs of shoes a year? At least it did in 1994, according to the latest SATRA World Footwear Markets survey, and it probably makes more now. This dwarfs Western Europe, which produced a mere 1,139 million pairs in 1994, while the emergence of capitalism in the former Soviet Union has seen a positive collapse in production. The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) made about 730 million pairs in 1991, but only 220 million three years later. Imports by the CIS also fell. Which leaves

March. While everyone had gone home, including Kinctica, a cold snap sent spot gas prices soaring from 10p a

therm to 140p and upwards.
Is this recruitment an attempt by Kinetica not to get caught short again? Nonsense, according to source close to the firm. They had a team on duty throughout the cold weekend, and sold gas to other companies. Whatever else you say about the newly deregulated gas industry, it certainly sounds competitive.

An employee of WorldCover Direct, a travel insurance company, was on holiday in Thailand when he overheard a conversation in a Bangkok bar. A British drinker was boasting to his crunies that he was living with a prostitute and would claim the expense

back on his travel insurance. The boaster let slip that the company was WorldCover. Consequently WorldCover is now awaiting a bogus claim from a holidaymaker in Thailand.

"The only question is what category will it be under," says the WorldCover man. "Lost baggage, medical or false advertising."

Zeneca sells loss-making dye business for £150m

Zeneca, the drugs group, is to sell its textile colours business sell its textile colours business to the German group BASF for up to £150m. The intention to dispose of the loss reliables. dispose of the loss-making op-eration had been flagged at the time of Zeneca's preliminary results in March, but the price obtained pleased the market. sending the shares op higher to £13.73 vesterday.

Stewart Adkins of brokers Lehman Brothers described the poorly performing parts of

company was making no money or even a slight loss from the good for earnings and, more importantly, leaves them able to concentrate on what they do

With the \$62m sale of the speciality inks business announced earlier this year, Zeneca has cleared out most of

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John Mayo, Zeneca's finance director, said in March that margins in specialities should rise from last year's 5.4 per cent to above 8 per cent following the

Explaining the latest sale yesterday, a Zeneca representative said the market for textile colours has been extremely competitive and very turbulent over recent years. We have been looking at ways to improve

for some time and came to the conclusion it would be better off as part of a larger group." Like BASF's existing opera-

tion, the Zeneca business is one of the six largest textile dye producers in the world. To-gether they will become the third largest group, behind Dis-tar, created from the merger of the separate dyestuffs operations of Hoescht and Bayer of Germany, and Ciba of Switzerland. The Zeneca business dates

drug group's erstwhile parent, in the 1920s. Its sales have been falling recently, dropping from £224m in 1993, to £213m in 1994 and just £202m last year, when it made "a small loss".

But Albrecht Muller, head of BASF's textile and leather dyes and chemicals division, said: "In the context of the strategic reorientation of our textile dves business, merging the activities of BASF and Zeneca signifies an important step forward".

of the two businesses would considerably expand BASF's business in dyes for cellulosic fibres and greatly improve its position in other dve sectors.

The sale should throw up a substantial capital gain, given that the business bad net assets of only £65m last year. The operations being transferred include sites at Ellesmere Port in the UK, Brazil and the US. Around 730 employees will move over to BASF.

Rupert Murdoch: Saw third-quarter profits fall 69 per cent

News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch's master company, saw third-quarter profits plunge 69 per cent to \$59m (£39m), and blamed higher costs at satellite broadcaster Star TV and a

Write-off and

costs send

News plunging

broadcaster Star TV and a \$152m write-off following the sale of HarperCollins's educa-tional publishing arm to Pearson. Operating profits before the write-off were 3 per cent lower at \$211m, on revenues 7 per cent ahead at \$2.3bn. The company printed to the costs of policies cut pointed to the costs of rolling out

MATHEW HORSMAN

Star TV, which recently became the second foreign satellite service in Japan. Distribution and programming costs were both higher in the period.

The UK was a hright spot, both in newspapers and in satellite broadcasting, where BSkyB, capael 40 per cent in Many Connected. owned 40 per cent by News Corporation, this week announced record nine-month profits.

The company's four national newspapers each posted circulation and advertising revenue gains, while operating profits were up 8 per cent quarter-toquarter. The Times managed to maintain its circulation gains de-spite cover price increases ear-lier this year. Circulation is holding at about 670,000 for the title. The down-market Sun continued to sell in excess of 4 million copies daily.

The newspaper outlook has been improved by a softening in the cover-price war and a hull in the rise of newsprint prices. In the US, the company's Fox television stations saw operating profits jump by 25 per cent, but the Fox Broadcasting Company, which supplies programmes and marketing services for the network, posted tower earnings following a

rise in licence fees and

promotional spending.
The US and UK book pub-

after the sale of part of HarperCollins lishing operation, Harper-Collins, was boosted by several bestsellers, including In Contempt. by Christopher Darden, a member of OJ Simpson's defence team. But the US paper-back market and the UK market generally were both

soft, the company said. HarperCollins sold its educational publishing arm to Pearson for \$575m in the quarter. saying it intended to concentrate on consumer and electronic

publishing. Anthea Disney, for-merly editor-in-chief of News Corporation's TV Guide, was appointed the chief executive of

HarperCollins earlier this year. Yesterday, Turner Broad-casting System, owner of the news network CNN, said it was confident its \$7.5bn merger with Time Warner will survive regulatory scrutiny, despite reports over the weekend that the Federal Trade Commission was poised to block the deal.

one question: where do all those Chinese shoes go?

Sir Neil Shaw, chairman of Tate & Lyle, warned of the imminent threat of world-wide food price inflation as a result of st ring cereals prices. Falling harvests and increased consumption meant no food processor or buyer of food would be unaffected over the next six months, he said. With world stocks of grain at historic lowof around 12 per cent of consumption, the situation was becoming critical. The world would have to rely on a bumper crop from US producers this summer. Tate & Lyle said profits from Staley, its US sugar and starch operation, would be hit this year by a doubling of maize prices. Investment Column, this page

 Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear will bave to pay an initial £8.57m into a separate fund to deal with disposal of waste and outdated nuclear power stations on privatisation, the Government said. Nuclear Electric will make an endowment of £1.57m and Scottish Nuclear £7m for the fund. Thereafter, Nuclear Electric will make annual payments of £12m and Scottish Nuclear £4m for 40 years. The payments are based on independent actuarial advice, calculated from the estimates of decommissioning costs available from British Energy. The Government said the prospec-tus for the sale of British Energy will contain estimates of waste

Stanley Leisure confirmed its widely expected bid for Gus Carter. the North-east based chain of bookmakers. The terms provide an exit for shareholders at 93p, 16 per cent higher than the 80p at which the company came to the market a year ago. The 20 for 102 share swap offer has been recommended by Gus Carter's board. Together with members of the Trewhitt family, who also plan to accept the bid, they control 57 per cent of the shares. There is a full cash alternative at 93p.

Mercury One-2-One, the Cable & Wireless mobile telephones subsidiary, has appointed Jan Peters, currently president of the wireless operations of US West, as managing director.

 Losses at Nynex Cablecomms, the second-largest UK cable operator, widened to £23m in the first quarter of 1996, from £21m last time, as the company continued to build out its TV and teleshone franchises. John Killian, president and chief executive officer, said the results were encouraging in light of the aggressis pricing introduced for phone customers in the period. The company has now passed a total of 1.4 million homes, with a takeup rate of just under 20 per cent for cable TV and nearly 26 per cent for telephony.

Adia of Switzerland is merging with Ecco of France to become the world's largest temporary employment company in a sbare and cash deal worth around £850m. The combined company will have annual sales of \$6.2bn and a market value of \$3,7bn. It will leapfrog Manpower of the US in the \$80bn global temporary employment services market.

• BTR has bought a 70 per cent stake in Beijing Greatwall Plastics, a joint venture which makes plastic containers in China. Separately, Norcros has acquired BTR's Dunlop Adhesives business and its interests in three joint ventures - Building Adhesives, Australian Building Adhesives and TAL Proprietary - for £27.3m cash.

Volkswagen said pre-tax profits rose to Dm-407m (£176m) in the three months to March, up from Dm166m in the comparable period last year. The company, bowever, expects only a stight rise in 1996 earnings and sales.

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Lucas rules out cash in Varity merger

MICHAEL HARRISON

Sbares in the car components group Lucas slid yesterday as it ruled out a casb bid from its US rival Varity, suggesting that any full-blown merger between the two will be an all-paper deal.

Lucas refused to comment on suggestions that its shareholders might be offered 60 per cent of the shares in the new enlarged group but analysts said that was roughly how the equi-

basis of the two companies' respective market capitalisations. Lucas is valued at just under £1.9bn while Varity, former

owner of the tractor-maker Massey Ferguson, is valued at about £1.2bn. After rising yesterday by 12 per cent to a high for the year of 233.5p, Lucas shares fell back to close 6.5p lower at 227p as the prospect of a casb bid disappeared. However, analysts still be-

ty would be divided up on the lieve Lucas is vulnerable to a bid if the talks with Varity, which are still at an early stage, fail to lead to a deal. Other suitors mentioned include the rival UK car components group, T&N.

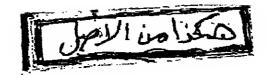
A merger between Lucas and Varity could be a good strategic fit. Geroge Simpson, the outgoing chief executive of Lucas, has been saying for some time that the automotive component industry will be dominated by fewer, larger players in the

future and has publicly talked about Lucas doubling its automotive sales to £5bn. Varity is strong in the North

American market - an area where Lucas has traditionally been weak.

Its Kelsey-Hayes division is the biggest manufacturer of brake systems in the US and leads the world in anti-lock or ABS braking systems for rearwheel and four-wheel-drive

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The old adage holds true as sellers take control

Sell in May and go away - ooe of the stock market's more hackneyed expressions is looking ominously appropriate.

Yesterday shares were again in ragged retreat, with the FT-SE 100 index falling 15.7 points to 3,707.3. It has given ground on each of May's five trading days, falling more than 100 points in the process.

Even the supporting FT-SE 250 index, which was for weeks in rampant form, has found May too much. It has wilted on four of the five days.

The sudden change of mood coincides with a flagging New York, with the Dow Jones Average said by some to be heading for 5,000 points, another government election rout and the bewildering power vetos from the Board of Trade. Even a couple of mega-bids have failed to rouse enthusiasm

and it is beginning to look as if shares could be set for an in-

Hopes still linger of further interest rate cuts and more takeover action. But with gilts in the doldrums and shares showing signs of tiredness, the temptation to take some of the profits which have been created in the recent bull run may prove irresistible.

J Sainsbury, despite its first profits fall as a quoted company and a market rush to cut profit forecasts, was the bestperforming blue chip, up 15p to 372p. The dividend policy and share buy-back plans impressed. There was also an inclination to look upon the

cimation to look upon the shares as a good recovery play.

Other superstore chains caught the Sainsbury habit, with Argyll op 8.5p to 336.5p and Tesco 5p to 272p. Watson & Philip, the convenience stores chain, fell 16p to 514p on the departure of its chief er on the departure of its chief executive, David Brenner, to Sainsbury.

Lucas Industries was again



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busily traded as bid speculation continued to swirl around. The car components group said Varity, the US group with which it was involved in talks, was unlikely to mount a bid but few had expected it to do so. A Lucas offer for Varity - or a bid for Lucas from another

source—are the possibilities in-triguing the market. The shares fell 6.5p to 227p. Some recent takeover favourites came to grief. Harry Ramsden plunged 54p to 383p and London Clubs 28p to 508p. Cadbary Schweppes lost 13.5p to 492.5p, despite a positive trading statement, and Thorn EMI gave up 29p to 1,759p.

Pearson, which was up 14p to 702p, remained in the bid spotlight with the South Africao Antoo Ropert, of Rothmans fame, emerging as the rumoured predator. Wm customed to moving in frac-Morrison, the supermarket chain where it is said that

voke corporate action, edged forward 2p to 173p. Cable and Wireless enjoyed a late run as AT&T was again put forward as a likely bidder. The shares closed at 476p, up

family pressures could pro-

Talk of action at Guinness which is likely to be prompted by Bernard Arnault, the French entrepreneur, was behind a 7p gain to 479p, and the

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poorly performing Grand Metropolitan for a time enjoyed another speculative whirl, only to finish little changed at

Smith & Nephew remained in demand, ahead 6.25p to 201.75p. Since its skin-growing link with a US group was announced last week the shares have risen 14.25p, a remarkable display for a share more ac-

tions of a penny.

Rank Organisation rose 7p
to 539p, still reflecting a positive analysts' meeting and talk of a leisure deal.

Flying Flowers was little changed at 173p. It duly announced takeovers worth £5.3m and is raising cash through a placing and open of-

some looking for £50m next

Bluebird, the toys group, fell 11p to 221p. The shares were 885p in November. There is talk of disappointing US sales. Hawtin, the leisurewear

group, gained 1.75p to 52.75p on the £4.8m building products sale and Dorling Kindersley managed a 12p gain to 641p on CD-Rom expansion hopes.

Two AIM newcomers made solid debuts. La Senza, the lin-gerie and nightwear fashion chain, ended at 156p from a 150p placing and Reflec, makng reflective ink, went from

There could be some dramatic new-issue action today. Maiden, the outdoor advertising group, is expected to en-joy a 50p premium and could TAKING STOCK

Bogod, a tightly controlled. family-run sewing machine distributor which rarely attracts attention, is riding at a peak. Plans to develop its Cardiff office site as an outof-town retail unit are behind

the excitement. It intends to let the proper ty and relocate its own operations. If the venture is successful it could lift the groop's asset value to more than 85p-a-share with 16p in cash. The company is con-trolled through its ordinary shares, priced at 63p; the restricted voting shares are

Intercare, the healthcare group, gaioed 3p to 78p, a two-year peak. It has been

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A comfortable future for the British welfare state

he welfare state is oot in crisis.

This week's announcements by the Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, and his Labour counterpart, Chris Smith, on the social security froot addressed an unnecessary panic about what sort of welfare system Britain can afford.

This is not to say that there is oo need for a debate about the fairness of the British social security system, about how to make it more efficient, and about setting the boundaries to people's cotitlements. Quite the reverse.

But the UK is one of the few industrialised countries that does not have a looming crisis in paying for welfare, according to recent research by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Develop-ment. As Mr Smith emphasised this week, there is on "demographic time-bomh" threatening these islands.

Nor is there any evidence that the lack of a pension problem is just be-cause the existing system is mean. Compared with their counterparts in some other industrial nations, relatively few British pensioners are liv-

ing in poverty.

Two observations have triggered fears that the Western industrialised countries will huckle under the burden of the post-War welfare state. One is the phenomenal growth in social security spending by the governments of all industrial countries

during the past two decades.

The other is the rapid ageing of their populations, increasing the number of pensioners, longer-lived and possibly ailing, who will have to be supported by taxes levied on a shrinking workforce.



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ing the past 20 years. The UK is among them: as a percentage of GDP (excluding unemployment benefits) social security spending climbed from 8.8 per ceot in 1975 to 12.2 per cent by 1993. The propor-tions ranged from 10.1 per cent in the US to 23.6 per cent in France in the same year. It is no surprise that governments have become concerned about the appareotly inex-

orable upward treod. Changes in the age structure of the populations have fed concerns that social spending will continue to rise unless the welfare state is fundamentally reformed. An ageing population could have grim implications for pressure on public spending because the amount of expenditure on citizens varies over their life cycle, 124.8 per cent ratio.

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However, oo existing policies here, the UK's oet government debt to GDP ratio is likely to fall. This benign outlook is thanks to the interaction of three phenomeoa: a favourable starting point in terms of government finances; a less rapidly ageing population; and state pensions that are less generous than elsewhere.

By the turn of the century the British government is likely to be sig-nificantly less in debt than most other OECD countries. The government debt to GDP ratio is forecast at 46.5 per cent, lower than any other OECD country apart from Australia. Belgium, at the other end of the scale, will be staggering under a

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rising as they get older. On top of that, age cohorts vary in size and the will see a smaller increase in the num-1945-60 baby boom is approaching ber of dependent elderly because the

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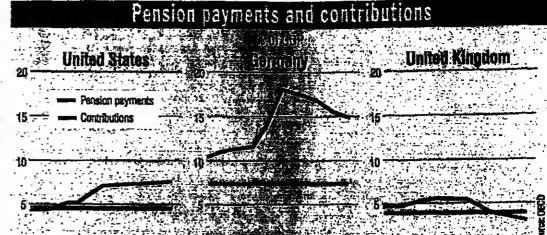
headed by people over 55.

Of course, these figures ignore the significant post-1986 changes in pensions. But government transfers account for only slightly more than two-fifths of income for people over 60. Company pensions, other earnings and investment income make up the majority of income for the average pensioner. The changes to state pension provision in the UK have made public sector financing of the

The OECD's economists have assessed the implications of the changing population structure for all the age-dependent components of government expenditure, in one of the most comprehensive attempts to put some figures on the scale of the problem. These are pensions, health spending and education.

They calculate that because of its ageing pattern and because of ex-tremely geoerous state pensions elsewhere, the UK will be unique in its lack of a pensions problem, as the chart indicates. On existing policies, pension expenditure is likely to peak at about 5 per cent of GDP, compared with between 15 and 20 per cent in Japan, Germany, Italy and

position is not the result of giving pensioners a bad deal, unless this is judged by comparison with generous Continental pension systems. A separate OECD report shows that in 1986 the disposable income of households headed by a male pen-sioner averaged 66 per cent of the income of households headed by a working man of the same age, and was the same as the average income of all households. Only 4 per cent of households with a low income were



Public spending on the second age-related component, health, is expected to rise significantly every-where. Flealth care is most expensive for infants under one and for the elderly, rising particularly steeply in the

Unfortunately, the UK will still ductivity were not exploited to raise the quality of education, the fall in spending would be significant. Combining the three, the welfare suffer the consequences of other pressure on British government spending is likely to ease during the next 30 years. The OECD's authors

Therefore, more over-65s living note: "In these circumstances, the as-

UK politicians in 2020 could be able to increase the scope of welfare spending

longer will increase the health-care bill. For the UK the cost of care for pensioners could rise from 2.6 per cent of GDP in 2000 to 3.9 per cent 30 years later.

On the other hand, spending on education is likely to fell on the

oations' problems. High government deficits have been the main reason for falling oational rates of saving and investment in the indus-trialised countries in the past 30 years. Extrapolating from current trends, future government deficits could be hig eoough to leave the OECD as a whole with a \$500bn-a-year savings shortfall. Oo top of that, industrialising countries will be looking for cumulative capital imports of around

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Merit makes light work of Cup

GREG WOOD reports from Chester

"Henry Cecil was muttering before the race," Anthony Penfold, Fahd Salman's racing manager, said after the Chester Cup yesterday. "He was wondering why his horse had to carry 9st when ours had got in oo 7st 10lb and he'a woo his last three races." After four minutes of very one-sided action around the Roodeye, Cecil was certainly

If a man sporting dark glasses and an upturned collar was seeo leaving by a side-exit as Merit was led back after his sixlength victory, it was probably the handicapper, who will out

Cup as one of his finer pieces round here apart from Welshond, with Corradini, Cecil's auspicious for the Oaks, how-of work. While he was aware man," he said, recalling his victure, a length away in third, ever, as for the second day prove rapidly at the end of last season, however, he could not have known that during the ride on." winter the process had out just cootinued, but also accelerated. When he takes his revenge in the ratings, it may be brutal.

set himself a target of 1,000 rides this season, and if he rode 10,000 it is doubtful if he would find an easier winner. Merit was settled just off the pace throughout, was clearly going best with a circuit left, and strode clear two furlongs out.

ago. "He's a lovely horse, and he'd be a nice one to keep the The last comment was of-

fered with a smile, but also a

hint of resignation. It is not that Quinn is in danger of falling out with Paul Cole, Merit's train-Jimmy Quinn, the fortunate er, but his is the perennial probjockey who pulled on Salman's lem of the lightweight. Merit dark green silks yesterday, has will be asked to shoulder a more realistic burden in his next race - possibly the Ascot Stakes at the Royal meeting -and rather than fill the saddle with a stone and a half of lead, his connections may pre-

fer to engage a heavier jockey.

Daraydan, top weight with two stone more to carry than

Goodwood. The one for the

forecast is Prize Giving, whose

trainer, Geoff Wragg, is anoth-

er who likes Chester, where the

daily spectacle is of punters

mendable giveo that every ooe of the other 17 runners was run. Pat Eddery, his jockey, came from an impossible position to win the second race on Vasari, but it was greedy to expect such remarkable good hick to continue.

There were no such problems for Mick Kinane, who put in an exemplary performance on Tout A Coup to win the Cheshire Oaks. The winner is trained in Ireland by Gerry Cusack, a for-mer employee of Michael Stoote, and with a Listed-race victory to show for his first runner in Britain, his future ap-

pears bright. The success was rather less

time. The race conditions seem

to favour Minds Music (3.40),

Classic Cliche's nearest pursuer

in the St Leger last season.

Chester would not be
Chester without the complex
handicaps which were probably

the reason why the Romans left

town. The best methodology

here apears to be to select a

runner which has proved itself

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around the unique circuit. The five-furlong contest, therefore, is within the province

that Merit had started to im- tory in the same race four years a position which was com- running a Classic trial was woo by a runner without an entry for Epsom. In Tout A Coup's case. ahead of him with a circuit to all is not lost with the supplementary stage for the Oaks still to come, a hunny denied to the connections of Tuesday's Chester Vase winner, High Baroque, who does not have a Derby cotry.

Cusack, though, insisted yes-terday that his filly will not be added to the list. Edmund Loder, her owner, may attempt to persuade him otherwise, but the Irish Oaks, at the Curragh on 14 July is the trainer's preferred option and only a pitifully foolish punter will take the 20-1 offered by William Hill for the original version on 7 June.

Stewards under fire

Reg Hollinshead, who bas unearthed such talents as Walter Swinburn and Kevin Darley, slated stewarding standards af-ter Fergal Lynch, the latest product of his riding academy, received his second six-day han of the week at Chester yesterday. Lynch, who was deemed to have caused interference oo Montecristo, first home in the opener, received the same sectence at Haydock on Monday

3.10), who has already run three times this year. But as the colt performed oo 21 occasions last season it may safe to assume he complained. "I thought Fergal is only now reaching fitness.

The Wynn Handicap takes of trouble. He was Piggott-like. rode a hrilliant race to get out waiting and waiting and as soon nomer of the season, and is best as a gap came he went for it. He and Richard Quinn (oo the and avoid the inevitable scrums runner-up) went for the same gap. Quinn's come off worst and the lad's got penalised."



10-furlong Newmarket handicap lection most problems.

3.10: GLORIOUS ARAGON, just over two lengths third to Mister Jolson from 2 bad draw at Sandown last time, has a more layourable berth today. The welldrawn pair Lady Sherriff and Lago Di Varano are obvious dangers. Crowded Arenne and Mr Os car may be fitter for the race.

aster St Leger last September,

4.10: Derek Hadyn Jones's hors-And Deres Hagyn Jones S nots-es are in form and his Dawalib, last year's winner, attempts a re-peal from 510 higher in the hand-icap. HIGHBORN, an unbucky fourth a year ago when drawn on the wide outside, remains on the same rating and can take re-venge. Samwar has the widest draw of all today and Frankie Dettori's mount needs a swift start to figure here. Pengamon performer well over 8 mile at Sandown two weeks ago and, over this shorter trip, looks a big danger.

SEDGEFIELD

CHESTER 40: PRIZE CIVING, who won a 10-timong Newmarket nanuscap under B big weight by a very easy three lengths in a smart time at the Newmarket Craven meeting, can successfully step up in class. Tawkill, an eyecatching seven lengths fifth to Storm Trooper in the Feilden Stakes over nine furlones the same afternoon, should stay this trip. He may pose the se-

3.40: OSCAR SCHINDLER. length and a half fourth to Winged Love in the Irish Derby and three lengths third to Strategic Choice in the Irish St Leger at the Cur ragh last year, should be fit after rago last year, should be fit after a recent run and should be hard to beat. Dance A Dream, winner of last year's Cheshire Oaks, might be a bigger danger than Minds Mosse, a creditable numer-up to Classic Cliche in the Don-center St I come best Sandamber

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11. 003000- BOSTON TEA FRATTY (181) A Moore 3 8 2 __ Comby Moore 11

13. A NY SERUMTHAL DYESHA (27) A Moorembe 3 6 2.A McClione 8

- 12 decimed - BETTERE: 7-2 Roman Real, 5-1 Sharp Guardia, Haver Golf Diamond, The Life Perrot, 7-1 Arabophili, Autobabbia, 9-1 My Bessulfid Dosson, 9-1 others

4.50 COLDEAN MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added Sf 213yds

54,200 added 5f 21.3yds

1 43325 5 TIME FOR TEA (D) C Duer 3 10 D ______ 8 Deficial 4

2 000-02 FARSTNET (D) C Duer 3 10 D ______ 8 Well-write 2 V

3 353-604 MAY QUEEN MESAN (Z2) Mrs A King 3 8 11 _____ A Gartis 9

4 000400 EMET'S LUPY (D1) 8 Packy 8 81.1 ____ 5 Severes 9 5

5 458655 VACRISHA ROUCK (6) 1 Packing 3 8 10 ____ Dame D'Hell (S) 6

5 55-5000 NOMMON DANCER (25) M Sacrotes 4 8 6 ... V J O'Corner 6 V

9 00-3000 DANTENN (Z1) R O'Sultern 4 8 B _____ D Biggs 1

6 050 0 LO GOLD R DW (25) Across Paulion 3 7 12 ... R Marker (7) 2

6 05003-0 LORDES GOLD (7) Arches Turnet 6 7 10 _____ M Heavy (5) 7

— 9 declared ~____

BETTINE: 5-1 Flagstaff, 7-2 Thee Per Yea, 4-1 May Queen Megan, 9-2 Lories Gold, 7-1 Meanable Dancer, 13-1 Victorie Sloar, 24-1 o'Chars

341405 PRINCE DAYONG (SEE (CCT) O MANNY Smith 5 9 10.

3.10 Glorious Aragon GODIG: Good. STALLS: Im "! - stands side; remainder melde ORAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

It Left hand, hight, cureline course. Not antable for lung-straining horses.

Course to near centre of easy on A-M. Chestar General status. In: ADMESSION: Course Enclosure S. Poly (sold out to Tattersalls, S. 10). Dec Stand 54; Course S. C. CAR PARE. S. 1.

CHESTER

2.40 PRIZE GIVING (nap)

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Storte — 18 winners from 65 runners gives a success ratio of 27.7% and a profit to a 51 level racke of 48.09, R Barbers = 15 winners, 55 runners, 22.7%, +5.18%; J Genden — 13 winners, 17 runners, 27.7%, +57.7%; B Hills — 13 winners, 52 runners, 21.7%, +516.58.

ELEADING JOURETS: Fat Reddery — 17 winners, 54 rides, 20.0%, +54.11; W R Swinders — 14 winners, 54 rides, 25.0%, +516.56; B Hilland — 12 winners, 50 rides, 20.0%, +520.44; J Carroll — 12 winners, 56 rides, 12.2%, -549.38 visores 57 First Table Research E (2.40); Applicate (4.10); Ordeoce River (4.10); WENNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATE: Lady Shortel (4.10) won at Welverhampton on Training, LONG, DESTANCE ETNINERS: Asiatha (3.10) has been sent 215 miles by 6 Pearce from Lorner 164, Sarry-5.

3.40 Oscar Schindler 4.10 Highborn

4.40 Fahs

2.10 EBF SCEPTRE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO 51 Penalty Value £6,976

3.10 WAYMAN-HALES RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) C4

— 13 declared —

—13 declared —

—14 declared —

—15 declared —

—15 declared —

—16 declared —

—17 declared —

—18 declared

MR OSCAR can dely top weight. Taking on these seasoned performers will be a bit different to his condition race wins at Ripon and Leiceari last season, but he has locked a sentrer out of the top drawer. Auxilio is in great form but he was humbled by Mr Oscar at Leicester and is just 6th better off for that 10-length threshing. Ziggy's Dancer's pace was seen to good effect here last July when he beat Glanfoux Aragon a heet. Conous Aragon is a decent manden who will have improved from these to four, though she needs to because she's 13th worse off with Ziggy's Dencer. The Hindpy Fox has been unfucly with his outside draw. Crowded Avanue improved enough last term to finish up in a List-of race of Newmarket, where he desponsited behand Dastne's Delight. He is 1th legical compared to the lettest win. Hinton Rock is interesting on his first start sace joining Alon Balley from Michael Beif. France Detron is booked.

[3.40	ORMONDE STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £45,000 added 1m 5f 89yds Penalty Value £29,520
1	10210-1	PURITHER FLIGHT (17) (C) (S Wingfeld Digby) 8 HHS 10 90
2	0-1	ELECTION DAY (22) (Lord Weinsteck & Hort Simon Weinsteck) M Stoute 4 8 11 JW Catalon 1
3	12221	MARIOS MUSIC (USA) (223) (Marchos Farroly) H Cacil 4 8 11
4	26443-2	OSCAR SCHNOLER (18) (Ower Luterie) K Prendergast 4 B 11
5	345/323-	SHAMBO (357) (CD) (Mrs C E Britan) C Bolton 6 B 11
6	01313-1	SPOUT (19) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 4 8 11
7		DANCE A DREAM (267) (C) (Cheveley Park Start) M Stoute 4 8 8 Dettori &
8		POPPY CAREW (12) 04:5 P W Homs) P Home 1 8 8 6 Head 4 _ 6 declared -

BETTING: 9-4 Minds Made., 4-1 Occur Schladler, 9-2 Dusce A Dream, 6-1 Election Day, 8-1 Per-ther Flight, 12-1 Poppy Cleans, 14-1 Shamba 2986: Zibal Zaman 4-8 11 W R Sembum 9-2 (M Spute) 4-ton

299St Zibai Zaman 4 8 11 W R Swintom 9-2 (M Stoute) 4 ton
FORM GUIDE

CSCAR SHENDLER has a changed nder in Nick Kinane ofter his fourth in the Irish Derby with Christy Roche and third in the Irish St Legis with Willie Supple. Nown Prendingsist
has stressed that Osear Shindler wasn't at his best in the soft ground when beaten by
Michagier at Leopordorium last month, and the ton of Royal Academy certainly looks capage of winning the sub-standard Group Throe, When a strong-finishing fourth to Minglet
Love in the hish Derty, Osear Shindler was one place absent of Classic Cache, who want
on to best Mindle Mussle in the Doncaster classic. Mindle Michael Stoute runs they
and this easy course gues him every hope of getting home. Michael Stoute runs they
have a Dream having a leading chance on ner Cales second to Moonshell. She destoborried twice distributions, but is a course winner, having started the accoon with a win
tron Yam in the Chestribe Dalla. Beedfee Day is bred for the trip bowl out of a Robbie
she and Yorksher Dalla. Beedfee Day is bred for the popular out of a Robbie
and Hughry, 10 lengths behind him, has won have since. Proping Carletins, a rough fly
with two wint over 10 furiongs last season, could be ready for this step up in distance after her severith to Singspile in the Gordon Retinitie at Sandown. Selection: OSCAR SHRIDLER

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4.10	WYNN HANDICAP (CLASS C) £12,000 added Penalty Value £9,228	7f 122yd
	PRINCERSON'S PAL (22) (Mess E G Magneson) C Britain 5 10 0	
2 1311-0	HAND CRAFT (16) (D) (Mrs N M Haggas) W Haggas 4 8 7	
3 5000-13	CHICKIGHICKA (5) (CD) (Methy) Motor Alexansi B Paling 5 8 :	Combe 10
4 0321-03	HIGHWORN (29) (CD) Noticher Racing Club Owners Group) P Felgare 7	67 K Destay
3 09253	CROSSELION (SES) (G Wings) G Wings B 9 6	A Million (7)
6 301025	PENGAMON (13) (C) (Mass Arabella Smallman) H Collegeogo 4 6 6	Orien
7 234-000	FAME AGAIN (3) (D) (M R Champri) Mrs J Romaden 494	K Follow 1
8 24605-0	ELITE HOPE (USA) (13) (D) (Dise Rising Cub) C Egerton 46 4	7 Onless 1
	SAMMAR (6) (D) (Maygan Ltd) Met. 6 Nederlay 4 6 2	1 Destroy 1
10 21000-2	APOLLONO (17) U K Ruezies & Mrs. A R Ruezies J Fanstone 46 1	3 Harrison 18
11 200-501	SMART GUEST (16) (Paul Murphy) J A Hame 4 8 13	1 Manual 1
13 DB.0101	SCHARM-ORST (16) (D) (Macionize Puril S Dow 4 8 11	A Date (B)
13 20-0204	STOPPES BROW (7) (D) (C J Ponneck) G L Moore 4 88	D Conference 3
14 13900.0	PARLIAMENT PIECE (\$1) (CD) (G A Famoin) D Nichols 1084	I Described (7)
15 100,000	DANDLES (USA) (8) (CD) (Jack Brown Ltd) D Hayen Jones 6 B 2	A Committee (1)
15 0-07400	WENTERFOCE LAD (S) (CD) Light Pught P Share 6 B 0	C (Start of
17 005105	LITTLE SINR (7) (D) (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evens 5 B Dle	no Words Co
TE TOPETA	PERSON FRANCE (12) (Murray Grubb) J Brany 4 7 13	and the same of the
20 2,000	~ 16 declared -	
	Committee the Property and the Committee of the Committee	

SETTING: 6-1 Samuer, 23-2 Highborn, 6-1 Fame Again, Head Craft, 9-1 Dennile, 10-1 Panga-mon, 13-1 Apollous, Chickowicks, 14-1 Persian Fayre, Stoppes Brow, 18-1 others 1995: Dennile 5-8 O W Corson 3-1 (D Haydr Jones) 11: ran

A low draw can always be a help here in such a big field and Ray Cochrone's booleng for Gay Moore's Stoppes Brow, who is drawn one, may be significant. Devembe is weight, ed to go close after winning 4 last year, And this is more his goode after numming prenty etell in the Victoria Cup. Samwitz violati have been the selection but for his outside drawn well in the Victoria Cup. Spainwar would have been the selection but for his outside draw, he just locked the necessary pece when a sa-length softh to Yeast in the Victoria Cup and that wee his first run for four months. But the winner can be ELTE MOPE, who was be better for her Sundown 11ml run behind Star Mahager. This shorter titl suits her netter and site is weighted to reverse less sesson's Sundown form with Fenne Again.— Richard Currin's mount being Allo better off for a half-length beating. Hand Drawt is from the Yeast stable. He looks as good as ever judged on his Portletted showing, behind Master Chartor, but he probably wants turber. Highborn won over the course and distance two years ago and shaped with at Ripon last time, while old Partisment Place's Could go well in ble odds from ris low draw.

Selection: ELITE HOPE

		EATON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 1m 4f 66yd Penaity Value £7,460
	200-0	MARKET PRO The Descript Company London C Restan 2 6 11
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	10 2250	NAPAGE (1,280) (1 (2miles) W Chy 7 ? 10N Carlete 7

Minimum weight: Tot 10to, True handless seight Hadon 7th 9th. BETTHE: 9-4 Fahn, 7-2 Braille, 5-1 Hernald, 7-1 Loading Spirit, 8-2 Maple Bay, 10-1 Eta Man Howe, 12-2 Orlance River, 14-3 others 1895: Nillic 77 13 G Bornard 8-1 (A Statey) 11 ran

FORM GUIDE.

Fishe looked the winner when travelling sweetly at Newmerket times weeks ago, but he folded up and was besten ano touch by Propresson. That was he first run for almost a year and he'll be at cristoped odds to make amends in this lower grade, it was be a true season. Original front number leading Splitt back with Pat Edday time due was at Sandown less season). Original Rever could well do better for the fitting of the way, but Hottestif looks the likely winner after his needed run when third to Sheet at Police at the time was the first that there was not not support for him at Policestone suggests ho is on the way back, Selections HOTESTI

"He travelled really sweetly look back on the 1996 Chester and I haven't had an easier ride the winner, ran on well into sec-Hills' Tawkil to uphold Dee tradition

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Wheo you hear the word system in racing the best policy is usually to slip on the training shoes and head for the horizon. One plain method that appears to work, however, is to support Barry Hills's runners at the Roodeye. Followers of this plan have not received correspondence from their bank managers

in recent years. When New Year dawns at the trainer's Lambourn yard his first determination appears to be to plot as many Chester winoers as he can and specifically to identify a winner of the Dee Stakes. As he has won the event nine times it may pay to consider his cotrant in today's running, Tawkil.

Bald statistics would give the colt a leading chance but as Hills SOUTHWELL

Raider 4.30 State Approval

free L. CAR PARK: Prec.

2.00 Come Too Mamma's 2.30 Bit Of Bother 3.00 Wasblest 3.30 Principal Boy 4.00 Niteowl

GOING: Standard, STALLS: 5f - outside: remainder - inside. GOING: Standard. STALLS: 5f = outside; remainder = stade. IRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 6f & 7f.

Fibresand surface; left-hund sharp, oval course.

Course is 3m SS; of town and 5m W of Newark. Bollesson-hunc-tion adolesis course. ADMISSION: Club 512; Tunessalls &6 (OAP members of course's Diamond Club 54, accompanied trader-16s

VISORED FIRST TIMES Bajon Frontier, Born & Ludy (3.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Science Bidge (3.30) & Justinhams

2.00 TULIP MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 270 FF

2.30 CAMELLIA CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)

213202 Bit OF BOTHER (15) (CD BF) Mas S Wilton 8 13 J Fortune 6

- 14 declared hETUNG: 3-1 People Direct, 7-2 Sit of Bother, 6-1 Supreme Mission, 71 Elipetite, 8-1 Prony's Grati Hire, Tusior Falcon, 12-1 others

3.00 FREESIA FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS F)

5.000 £3,450 acided by

672.600 NEETY-FIVE (218) J FacGorald 4 10 0 Thea 7
34224-3 VOSSBEST (22) (20) J Borry 4 5 11 J Cornell 5
500-035 CITILE SARGORER (22) (0) Palled 7 8 10 W Ryen 22 6
0-33332 MY CHERNYWELL (8) (C) (D) L Unjoi larges 8 8 8

Fortuno 19 6
18th C (2) 14

FONZY R Boss 83_ OMASTA Cape J Wilson B 3....

name over the coffee and mints at dinner recently Tawkil (2.40) cannot be avoided. He was hardly assaulted by Willie Carson on his reappearance behind

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Ziggy's Dencer (Chester 3.10) VB: Chickawicka (Chester 4.10)

Storm Trooper in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket last month and his form last year is no disincentive as he finished are some dangerous young

crawling over each other like maggots in an angler's tub. Hills is represented in the day's Group race, the Ormonde Stakes, by Further Flight, who is almost old enough to be classified as a veteran even by

steeplechasing standards. The 10-year-old showed the bones were still holding up at Nottingham last month, but there second to Mark Of Esteem at bucks lined up against him this

Five go on a Longchamp trip

10450- DANCING RAPISON (220) (D) M Carracto 39 10 ... 15 33000-0 HICKLETON MISS (18) DI May V Accessive 3.8 7-M Denvior 2.

3.30 PETUNIA HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200

- 10 decimed weights frest's Delign Set 92. BESTRIC: 11-4 Amesona Ventora, 9-2 Monte, 5-1 Schwar Hidya, 6-1 Ston Ledgar, 13-2 Son Sponso, 8-1 Principal Boy, 20-1 others

4.00 BEGONIA SELLING STAXES (CLASS G)

1 413010 AMERICAE VENTREE (7) (0) M Crepmen 8913.

added 7f

Five British horses remain in lop), Tagula (Ian Balding), Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp. They are aghan) and Line Dancer (Willie Godolphin's Don Micheletto, Jarvis). Richard Hannon may has also been mentioning his Kahir Almaydan (John Dun- supplement Cayman Kai today.

13 0561-6 QUEINS CHECK H3| (7) Max J Come \$9 11....

the prize as the greatest misleft to a horse who will boit out on the beods. Chickawicka (oest best 4.10) fits the bill.

BRIGHTON

2.20 Joint Venture 2.50 Dally Risk 3.20 Risky Romeo 3.50 Rag Of Tricks 4.20 Roman Reel 4.50 Time For Tea

GOING: Firm. STALES: huside, except. Luc? & Indf outside.
ORAW ADVANTAGES Low for N to 84.

Eleft-hund, U-shaped course, andolating and aburp.

Electrone is 2 of town. Pollow signposts from town centre. Brighton region In. ADMINSTON: Cath \$12 (accompanied modes | 6s five);
Tamersalle 58; Silver Eng 54 (inc 54 per car). CAR PARK: Five.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bear To Dence (2.50), Namedic Denony (4.50).
WINDIES IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Bisky Remote (3.20) won ONG THE TANCE BUNNERS tiful Dressi (4.20) sert 208m by A Newcombe from Humblew, Devan.

2.20 EEF ST ANN'S WELLS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO ST 59yds MESTY CRY 5 Dow 89 B Thereton 1
23 WANT FOR MOSE (22) DRY M CHATTON 89.P P Maryley 69, 4
4 declared --

2.50 HOLLINGBURY CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 7f

11 685600 WHERE/T SH M Haynes 7 12...

1400-00 TROPICAL BEACH (16) / Bony 3 8 6 Carvoll 4
650- HUNGHORER (200) 8 Retwell 3 6 4 Stack (0) 11
0 President BELFORT (17) 6 Hono 3 6 4 R Legals 13
- 15 declared -- 15 got/Red - 15 Seeking Desting, 11-2 Missed Ruisier, \$-1 See Davil, 7-1 Miss Tri Colour, Tropical Basch, 8-1 Jubs, 9-1 Our Simden, 10-1 others 4.30 MAGNOLIA HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 4f

25022 AMSTOP 109 (2) 1 Epc 4 10 0 R Leople 6
2 60-6215 CERN MIRRIS (USD) (7) 69 8 Linestin 4 10 0 A Clark 12
3 3000-0 SOMMERSEN (169) (7) 69 8 Linestin 4 10 0 A Clark 12
1 23022 TENTERSHIP (169) (70) 0 Centres 10 9 11 M STOR 14
1 123022 TENTERSHIP (169) (70) 0 Centres 10 9 11 M STOR 14
1 00-00 ZAALEF (URD) (7) 8 Herbary 49 5 M STOR 15 10 M STOR 16 10 M S

10 1054-03 NO STREMENT BZ) (C) GL Moore 82 __Dens O'Nell (3) 4
11 685600 WHINTER (3) M Hyres 7 12 __Decise O'Shee 6 — 13 decimes — 657790: \$4 Foresson, \$-1 No Sympathy, 7-2 Delty Hole, \$-2 Winghold, \$-1 Yelvet Jenes, 20-1 Held Those, 18-1 Bear To Dayon, 20-1 others 3.20 BRIGHTON FESTIVAL HANDICAP (CLASS CO-6436 CREWINE PLACE (\$7) (0) 7 J Naughton 5 100.

Dane O'Note (\$1)

THE PLANT THE EN WHEE 36 4 Jans Horse Laps

HAMILTON

6.30 Diet 7.00 Eksterini Paritsi 7.30 Palace Of Gold 8.00 Shooting Light 8.30 Hutchies Lady 9.00

GOING: Soft (Good to Soft in places).
STALLS: Sunds' side except I'm & imil' (inside rail).
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for I'm to I'm If. DEAN ADVANZAGE: High best for In: to Im II.

Bighs-hard undulating course with peer-shaped loop.

Course in N of lown on B7071. Hamilton West station Im. ADHISSION: Chab 312: Gravidsand and Paddock 37 (I a for OAPs,
disabled & sudems, \$10 for couples); accompanied under-16s free
all enclosures. CAE PAEE: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Craigle Boy (0.30) & Institute Lady (8.30) both was here on Thursday, Calder King (8.30)

er from Corton Derdam, Somersei. 6.30 PIZZA HUT AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,500 5f

605357 BEST REPT SECRET (15) (10) P Sens 5 11 2... 4.00006 LENDONE PROCESS (1) (2) (2) (2) (446 L Parist 5 10 L3 4100-00 SUEDORIO (7) (C) R Markeler 6 10 12 Mr 7 Helia 8 40500-1 HEMBY (NE HAWK CIS) (D) M Dods 5 10 11

506208 CHESKY GIMPTY (21) (0) 0 Crapmen 5 10 3. 500-050 SUNDAY HARLTOO (1) (CD) Mas L Parist 497_ 10 003-060 BONGLETE SERVICE (13) D Crapmen 4 97_Mas P Reteat 4 — 10 declared — BETTING: 2-1 Craigle Boy, 4-1 Died, 9-2 Heavy The Hamis, 5-1 Alfan, 7-1 Best Rapt Secret, 8-1 Chesisy Dispays, 10-1 Standay Mail Too, 12-1 others

7.00 ARTHUR GUINNESS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 270 5f BETUIC 9-4 Rober Sirl, 5-2 Jangymyne, 3-1 Burtechii Peritsi, 5-1 Map-

7.30 NOT EVERYTHING IN BLACK SKY. HANDICAP (E) £5,500 1m 5f 48051 PED OF VIEWN ISIO KO MIS A Sembark 8 10 O.W Soughle 4 ACORDO JUDICAL PELD (SE) N Tisker 76 3....

Minimum weight, Tot 10th. True hundling weight: Patace Of Gold Tot Sh. Philmist Tot Th. Lord Advances Tot 2th. BETTIME: 2-7, Fleid Of Weighe, 4-1 Palace Of Gold, 9-2 Philmist, 8-1 East de Cologne, 8-2 Plainerton Philis, 20-1 Principal Player, 22-1 others

8.00 TWO PART POUR PERFECT PINT SKY STAKES (E) £4,200 3YO 1m 4f STARES (E.) 44,000 STO JIM 44

1 56 ENAR BOLD (20) C Bristin 6 0 K Relieu 1

2 4 LORD CORNELIUS (207) D Notin 9 0 M Verley (2) 8

3 263-032 SEDERREY (20) 987 Mis M Revisey 9 0 K Devley 4

4 0.2 SHOOTING LISHT (15) M Janes 9 0 P Bloomfold 5

465 KAINSTING PST (16) Mis M Revisey 8 8 A Cultimas 2

5 0433-23 185 MANNS (51) C Thorton 8 9 Page Mickeyw 8

85THNC 2-1 Shooting Light, 3-1 Kainsyn's Pat, 7-2 Los Alamos, 5-2 Sed-

8.30 WIMPEY HOMES HANDICAP SKY 6109-03 THROL ANAM BROWN 1 TO SHOULD 1 THROUGH 4 9 1 A RAMON 1 1 12203 DESERT READER (1) (2) 0 Crepmen 5 8 10 A Californe 6 400-022 MOREY READER (7) (8) 0 Crepmen 5 8 10 A Californe 7 0040-03 REDICHEM (7) R Parter 5 8 5 N Comportion 8 9 5000-0 MORTE (2000 CS) M BROWN 5 8 2 K Dustry 1 V 40-000 PART (7) (8) C Parter 5 8 7 12 N Remort 2 D V 10 05600-1 MITCHES LADY (7) (CC) R Meksick 4 7 10 (Se)

9.00 UPPER CRUST LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 3YO 1m 1f 36yds

RACING RESULTS

CHESTER
2.10:1 BACKDROP U Red 6-1: 2. Pleaseact Surprise 16-1: 3. Oversteen 20-1: 13
ran. 11-2 on-fave Misig Bay. Oversided, Trive
Hils. No. 44, IP Cheptle-Hyam, Martinol, Totac
£7.00: £2.10. £5.10, £7.20. Dual Forecast
£110.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £87.23.
Indext: £1,652.48. Tho: £853.10. After a
stawards' inquiry, Montechsto, who finished
first, was despusified and placed sec. Reven Mester 5-1; 3. Mujows 33-1. 9 res. 4, 134, M Channon, loper (amount), Total 51-90; 51-20, 52-30, 55-20, DF: £4-30, CSF: £6.25, Tho: £41,80,

3.10: 1. TOUT A COUP (M J Kinana) 8-1: 2. Solar Crystal 5-4 (av. 3. Sharmozzle 7-1. 8 ran. 2, hd. (G Cusack, reland). Total CT 50: £1.80. £1.40, £1.60. DF. £5.50. CSF. 8.98. 3.40: 2. MERIT U Quinn) 11-2; 2. Derayden 14-1; 3. Consider 12: 1: 4. Unchanged 14-1; 18 ram. 4-1 by Trangles (6th). 6, 1. IP Cote, Whatcombe). Totas £7. 40; £2.00. £4.10, £3: 30. £2.90. Dual Forcest: £77.80. cast: £80.28, Tricast:

Computer Straight Forecast: £80.28. Tricest: £85.164, 7for: £37.7.40.
4.10: 1. PRINCELY SOUND 04 Ferton 111: 2. Mythons Micriste 11-1; 3. Westman's Weigh 9-1.12 ran. 5-2 for Argent (541). 14, 114; 1M Bell, Neumarket, Tohar £18.70; 53.80, £2.80, £2.40. 0F: £117.90. CSF: £120.37, Tricest £1.055.69. Tric. £234.40.

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UNI GOLD	ZO STARIES	BESØL!
CHETER	975	981
BRIGHTON	977	982
SOUTHWELL	17.1 77.1	983
HAMILTON (E)	47.2	984
SEDCEPHELD (D	475	965

4.40: 1. ALRYTY JANE (Pet Edder) 2-1 by.
2. Chartotte Cordey 5-1; 3. Huths 14-1, 32 ren. 4, 174. (8 Hits, Lambourt). Tota: 52.70; £1.50, £2.50, £3.80. DF: £6.30. CSF: £13.70. This: £61.60. Josephot: £13.490.80 - part won. Pool £13.300.86 carried forward to Creater today. Placepot: £384.90. Quadpot: £43.60. Place 6: £404.37. Place 5: £84.03.

1.50: 1. EXPRESS GIRL (Darren Moffatt) 1.50: 1. EXPRESS GRR. (Denter Moteut)
8.1: 2. Superior Pressitue 6-4 fax, 3. Ben's
Ridge 12-1. B ran. 242. 1. (D. Motatt. Carmed). Total: £19.60: £3.10, £1.10, £8.70.
Dual Fortecast: £19.30. Computer Straight.
Fortecast: £23.78. Into: £50.40.
2.20: 1. RIST BOB Obartin Deven 4-1: 2.
Seconds Assay 33.1: 3. Penny: Wishing
6-1.11 ran. 7-2 lay Precious Gal (4th). 1/4,
3. (S. Kemiessell, Mindferham). Total: £3.10;
£2.10, £15.70, £2.10. OF: £47.90. CSF:
£104.53. Tricest: £731.48. Tric: Not won.
2.50: 1. DE-MEERS CURRIE G Fortune)
5.1: 2. Restile 2-1: 3. Pysiway Rives 6-4

2.50: 1. DE-VEERS CURRIE () Fortune)
5-1; 2. Rettie 2-1: 3. Figurey Blaus 6-4
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FA CUP FINAL COUNTDOWN: Old values have given Liverpool a new lease of life as they prepare for trip to Wembley

Boot room legacy safe in Evans' hands

Phil Shaw talks to the Liverpool manager who has restored the club's fortunes with tried and trusted methods



Within the corporate empire that is Liverpool Foothall Club, the cooperative ethos not only survives

hut will be an important factor in Roy Evans' preparations for the FA Cup final against Manchester United. The boot room is dead, long live the boot

The very term is synonymous with the tracksuited visionaries who huilt Liverpool into a modern power which, for two decades, left United trailing. The room itself has an aura second only to The Kop among Anfield landmarks, and far greater mystique.

It was, by the manager's admission, "nothing special 10 look at", a spartan den in a passage beneath the main stand. Lining the walls, on racks, was the footwear from which its name came. Decor amounted to the odd saucy calendar (it was a male preserve), the smell of toast min-

Yet inside this "scruffy little cuhby hole", as Evans affectionately remembers it, principles were established which helped Liverpool to domestic and European dominance. Pass, move and possession on the pitch, unity of purpose off

The bricks and mortar have long since given way to a carpeted press lounge following the relocation of the backroom operation to Melwood, a suburban training complex near the Brookside set. But the concept of the boot room is thriv-

ing again.
It endures in the both the people Evans has gathered around him and the values they uphold. Foremost among those are continuity, consultation and - in contrast with the more patriarchal set-up at Old Trafford - collective responsi-



Boot room boys (from top left): Moran, Paisley, Fagan, Evans, Saunders and Bennison parade the League trophy

gled with the whiff of polish, and the only light came from a single hulo.

fer Evans his first managerial post in January 1994. After the slow-hurning fuse of Kenny Dalglish's final months and the turmoil of Graeme Souness' reign, a return to the practice of promoting from within was seen as the best way to restore stability and success

The 47-year-old Evans came to Anfield as a schoolboy left-back. In the summer of 74, when Boh Paisley was settling into the manager's chair vacated by Bill Shankly, he retired at 25 to join the coaching staff. The popular perception is that Paisley and his own successor, Joe Fagan, were already part of a thriving think tank presided over by

was what led Liverpool to of-

"The hoot room wasn't so much Shanks's thing," Evans explained. "He popped in and out, but it really took off when Bob took over. He and Joe, as well as myself, Ronnie Moran, Renber Bennett and John Bennison, would sit down and discuss transfers, tactics, what-

"But it was more than a talking shop. It wasn't a place where we just nodded - there were some big arguments and bust-ups in there - but somewhere where things got sorted

Tea was always brewing

Visiting managers would be in-vited in for a drop of something harder. The idea, legend has it, was to loosen their tongues. about players in whom Liverpool had an interest. history may have been overstated. However, his all-forone, one-for-all mentality, the legacy of his childhood in a

Scottish mining community,

also came naturally to Paisley,



The team behind the team: Roy Evans is surrounded by his coaching staff, who are steeped in Liverpudian lore

who had a similar background in County Durham There was no back-stabbing and no one ever wanted

anyone else's job," Evans recalled. "Work was the all-important thing, not how can I. prove my standing?' From the moment we hung our coats in the boot room in the morning, we were all pulling together for Liverpool.

"Everyone was equal and allowed an opinion. Bob and Joe never thought they were top dogs: they were working men. But there was real wisdom in there. Tom Saunders (a headmaster who became director of youth development) once said that in his first few years he Shankly's role in boot room didn't say a word. He thought the best thing he could do was

the mythology. Ian Rush's au-

tobiography claimed that the pre-season fitness schedule was taken "to the letter" from a routine handed down by Shankly. Phil Neal, who saw himself as Fagan's successor, called the training regime "rigid" and argued that the fabled continuity was no more

than conservatism.

Again the insider's version differs. "Bob and Joe laid down a routine for pre-season which, to a reasonable de-gree, we still adhere to." Evans said. "But it's not right to say it's rigid. We decide what's best after saking into account things. like the weather. We're actually very flexible."

Some former players have claimed that the boot room: were obsessed with dossiers and diaries. Evans' staff still fill Players seldom strayed in a daily ledger, detailing through its door. That has not who trained and who was instopped several from adding to ... jured. He views the routine as pooling information on which

to base decisions rather than pointless bureaucracy.

Mark Lawrenson felt that the boot room's influence waned after Dalglish succeeded Fagan. As player-manager, Lawrenson said. Dalglish was "one of the boys" in the morn-ing, being put through his paces by Evans and Moran. After hinch, "he was boss and they did as he said". ...

Dalglish, who was unsurprisingly better acquainted with dressing-room ways, took the unprecedented step of sacking two stalwarts, reserve eetich Chris Lawier and chief scool Geoff Twentyman, to bing in his own men. Sounces-dispensed with Lawler's re-

but the upheaval did not halt Liverpool's steady decline. The elevation of Evans, who

the Premiership title and run to Wembley suggest it was a progressive choice as well as a

nod to the past. Evans' team behind the team are steeped in Liverpudlian lore. Ron Yeats, the captain Shankly called "my colossus", is chief scout. Sammy Lee takes the reserves. Steve Heighway holds Saun-ders' old brief.

Moran, the first-team coach. has devoted his working life. he joined (like Evans) as a diadaly basis so I can consider teenaged left-back. Bruce every option, but the final de-Grobbelian once likened them tesson is mine.

These days, Evans revealed, dispensed with Lawler's re- Evans the "good sympathet-placement, Pail Thompson, ic cop" and "Bugsy" Moran

"the hard man". Evans' assistant, Doug Livermore, had dual qualifications has Paisley's equable tem- for the new west room. "We perament and footballing acu- wanted someone with experimen, was designed to restore ence outside of Liverpool.

harmony. This season's tilt at Doug had worked with Terry (Venables) and Peter Shreeves at Tottenham. But he also had the Anfield connection - we played together in Shanks's

In devising a strategy to un-pick United, Evans will consult everyone from Livermore to the youth coach Hugh McAuley, a fellow Bootle boy and Shankly apprentice. He will also canvass the people who must put it into practice, like John Barnes, whom he regards as a managnow in its 45th year, to a chib. er in the making, "I go round

> the hard talking is done in a store room at the training ground. "The Melwood store room" may not have quite the same ring as the Anfield boot room, yet its members could soon be pouring their cuppu from the Cup itself.

Ferguson wins the generation game



ish compliments heading in Alex Fergu-

son's direction this week that have included conferring greatness on the Manchester United manager. But then there has been some serious sucking up to do.

journalists who, nine months Hughes, Andrei Kanchelskis and Paul Ince go, although should be contrite. If there are no red faces in Manchester this week, then there ought to be.

Last August a telephone poll in the Manchester Evening News voted that Ferguson should either jump or he pushed from his job. "City fans making trouble." was his terse observation, but it hurt. nevertheless. After all, he had only brought nine trophies to Old Trafford at a rate of one

The opprohrium heaped on Ferguson's head last summer was provoked by what many considered to be his stubborn faith in youngsters. "You don't win anything with kids," is a comment that Alan Hansen supporters and their oppo-will have thrown in his face for nents. The two Nevilles, Nicky

There have a long, long time, hnt he was been some lav-Which has made this a particularly sweet week for Fer-

guson. On Sunday he clinched his third championship in four years and, on Saturday, he hopes to complete a second double out of three against Liverpool at Wembley. Not bad for a man who was considered Most of it has come from to he losing his grip.

"There was a feeling that ago were questioning Fergu-son's reason when he let Mark Richard Kurt, who was then acting as spokesman for the Independent Manchester Unitmore than one supporter cd Supporters' Association and rivalling the Princess of Wales for column inches. "It wasn't so much what was done hut the way it was done:"

Hughes' going they understood, and Kanchelskis was clearly hell bent on leaving Old Trafford. It was the departure of Ince that mystified. "He is the best Englishman in his position," Kurt said, "and until everything about the transfer came out it seemed United had pushed him out. To he honest, most United supporters thought we would be lucky to qualify for Europe, never mind win the championship." It is the young players who have astounded both United's







The United manager's faith in his young charges (above) has been lavishly repaid. Guy Hodgson reports

Butt, Paul Scholes and David Beckham, all fringe players this time last year, have blossomed at a colossal rate.

Mature beyond their years (none is older than 21), they have belied the theory that youngsters are neither consistent nor durable enough to win championships. In addition, there is no hint of the conceit or tantrums that Ince and Kanchelskis were said to be prone to, From EA Youth Cup winners in 1992, they have graduated to the championhip, a phenomenal rise given the fall-out rate in young footballers.

Hughes, now at Chelsea. said everyone was aware that. the youngsters were distinct. "They're a special group," he said. They all caught everyone's eye in the senior squad as soon as they joined the club. We knew they were a

top-notch group of players and United were very grateful they all came through at the

same time. "One of their biggest assets, apart from their natural skill, was there was never any fear in them. When players are young you always worry they can't cope with the fact they are out on the field with 30,000 people watching them. But I've never seen any fear in this crop of kids. Nothing seems to bother them. Brian McClair, a player who

has been eased out of the first team by the coming generation, concurs: They are all level headed, with a good belief in their own ability," he said. "They're all willing to learn and listen to all the senior players and the coaching staff. With that good attitude, things should only improve for them.

players to come into a team like Manchester Umted. Nobody knows anything about them, they are there to make their name. Whereas sometimes people have come in with a high reputation and the crowd expects much more.

The kids have nothing to prove other than they can play."
Ferguson put his money where his mouth was in more ways than letting Hughes et al go. During the close season Paul Gascoigne intimated he wanted to come to Old Trafford and would have provided just the sort of extravagant buy

that would have assuaged the Gascoigne is described by Ferguson as the hest English player he has seen since his move from Aberdeen in 1986 and he must have been tempted. "I had just said that Nicky Butt was the future as far as this club was concerned," the manager said, "It wouldn't have been fair to the boy to suddenly

bring in another player.". Ferguson was rewarded by a compelling season from Butt, who has filled the Roy Keane role in midfield as the Irishman has moved up to become the senior partner. At the back, Gary Neville has become England's full-back but not neces-"Maybe it's easier for young sarily United's as his brother,

everyone is fit, while Beckham : Alex Ferguson yesterday rehas proved a quick-witted, if vealed how he persuaded Eric not as quick-footed, replace-ment for Kanchelskis

youth team. I thought: 'He- The Frenchman secmed demust be going to try the young termined to leave Old Trafford bit harder."

Nine mouths on and Ferguics, including the Independent he addressed at a meeting last were upset that Ince was sold,": Kurt said, "but once the season started they got behind the team, particularly the kids. They're young and you'll forgive a young player anything.
Only twice this season

away to Liverpool and Leeds. have they been found out in istate matches. Apart from that they have thrived.
You saw that when United went to Newcastle. They showed they had learned."

And how. Eighteen months ago Port Vale reported Unit-ed to the Football League for fielding a weakened side in the Coca-Cola Cup. Seven of that team won the championship on

Gordon Sherry makes his

professional debut in the Scot-

tish PGA Championship at

Dalmahoy today. The towering Scot made his amateur farewell

when completing two rounds in the US Masters in April, but he had to miss his scheduled debut

in last week's Italian Open

Sherry said yesterday his ill-ness had not been helped by

concerns over which set of clubs

ill over knowing I had to let

someone down. It's not a nice

feeling hut there was no way J

I really think I made myself

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to play in his rookie year.

Cantona showed 'courage' in staying

Cantona, one of the pivotal players in his championship-"When the manager sold the winning Manchester United three in the summer." Phil side, to show "the courage" not Neville said, "it spurred every- to turn his back on the English one on in the reserves and game last summer." game last summer.

lads' I know I tried that little in the aftermath of his feet-first faux pas at Selhurst Park, and his resolve appeared to: son has made it up with his crit-strengthen when the Football Association announced it was Supporters' Association, who to investigate the circumstances which saw him playing month. "A lot of United fans in a training match in apparent breach of his eight-month worldwide ban. Cantona approached the United board with a transfer request and, with Internazionale pursuing him, he appeared Italy-bound.

> mmation to keep Cantona was demonstrated when he flew to France to persuade him to stay. I think he was assessing what his options were, and the feeling he had at the time made it a difficult one for him very difficult," Ferguson said.

However, Ferguson's deter-

There was the community service and all the media exposure and the criticisms. I wonder how many people would have had the courage to

stay, particularly a foreigner?

easy to get on the first ship, stay in the hull, and go anywhere, just run away, but he's done more than that."

Ferguson explained how he had persuaded Cantona to change his mind. "We did what we felt would please ourselves and our supporters. I think we did the right thing and it turned

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out to be good for us. "I said to him: "There's no reason for you to leave here. The supporters love you; it's the best football you've played and enjoyed in your career. If you think you can't handle it though, then you'll be doing the right thing by leaving.' I think

he's made the right decision." This week Cantona hroke his silence to explain he had been driven by a desire to be "honest and faithful to those who have surrounded me" and to publicly thank Ferguson for his personal support. .

Ferguson's response was to play the compliment down.

"He doesn't need to tell me that," he said. "Eric isn't the type of person to try to ingra-tiate himself with me or anybody else. I'm not a vain person but I'm aware of what he feels about this club and me. you everything, I think.

McAuley rewarded

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Windsor

Claire McAuley showed that perseverance has its reward when she rode the French-bred mare, Equity, to win the Castle Stakes on the opening day of the

Royal Windsor Horse Show. "I've heen competing at Windsor since I was 18, and I usually go terribly badly here," McAuley, 26, said after gaining her first victory in the spacious arena under the granite face of the eastle. She defeated Guy Goosen on Carat and last year's winning rider. James Fisher, on

McAulcy regarded Peter last year on Diamond. Charles, the European champion, as the most threatening of her rivals. But the Irishman, who was last of 15 into the jump-off.

clobbered the first fence on Dolly to give McAuley her longawaited victory. Eleven-year-old Equity was

bought in Belgium three and a half years ago by Jenny Will-ment, of Ewhurst in Surrey, who has backed McAuley for the last five years. Equity could help McAuley to realise her ambition of riding for a British Nations Cup team. McAuley will also be competing here on Audacity. a Russian stallion.

Emma-Jane Mac rode Gringo to the fastest round in vesterday's jump-off, but that effort was marred by a single error which left her in sixth place. Tomorrow Mac will defend the Ladies' Championship she won

Ballesteros in Scot's shadow

Sports letters have been held over

due to pressure of space

Golf

ANDY FARRELL reports from Madrid

At Club de Campo here yes-terday, it was difficult to believe that the defending champion in the Peugeot Spanish Open, which starts today, was Seve Bal-lesteros and not Colin Montgomerie. Rarely can Ballesteros have arrived at a tournament he won the year before

with such low expectations. Not only is the Spaniard not playing like a defending champ-ion, he should not even be playing. After the Turespaña Masters two weeks ago, Bailesteros had liquid drained from his left wrist, which was in plasters for four days.

"The doctor said I should not

play for three weeks, but this is

the Spanish Open and I should

be here," Ballesteros said. No one knows this better than the man himself.

His company, Amen Corner, are the promoters and they have already lost Jose Maria Olazabal with his continuing foot problems. Ballesteros' form was deteriorating a year ago when he was urged on by home support to his third Spanish Open title.

It was like the last grand performance of a dying swan. This year, after a five-month sabhatical, his hest result in six events is a next-to-last finish. In contrast Montgomerie sees this week as the start of a six-tournament run, culminating in next month's US Open.

everything to look forward to," the Scot said.

Montgomerie, who last week finished seventh in a tournament in Thailand, returns to Europe with a record of played one, won one - though, geo-graphically, it came in Dubai and four top-10s in six events overall. His disappointing US Masters has been swiftly dismissed, but his putting is caus-

ing a "minor concern You have to hole out regularly to win rather than be in the top 10. I am pushing most of my putts and I am working on it. I would expect to hole half the 10footers I have, and I am only These are problems Ballesteros "My golf is fine and I have can only dream about.

holing two or three out of 10.

Five Scots who have won on the European Tour will also line up at Dalmahoy: Paul Lawrie, Adam Hunter, Stephen McAllister, Andy Oldcorn and Raymond Russell, who won the Cannes Open a fortnight ago.

could avoid it."

Emphasis on speed Hockey

BILL COLWIT

The omission of Sue MacDonald, Glasgow Western's 27-yearold striker, was the major surprise in the Great Britain

women's squad announced yesterday for the Atlanta Olympics. MacDonald, the leading goal-scorer during the Olympic huild-up programme, is one of three players to lose their place from the squad who qualified for Atlanta in Cape Town last November. Lucy Cope and

Scotland's Diane Renilson also

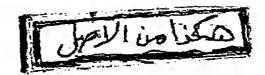
Britain's manager, Jenny Cardwell, said: "We felt that the chosen strikers had the edge on speed and versatility," referring to the Slough pair of Mandy Nicholls and Anna Bennett. Leicester's Kath Johnson and

Jo Mould and Hightown's Tina Cullen are the three additions to the squad from Cape Town. Johnson, who returned to international hockey this year after the hirth of her first child. will add experience, and with her tenacious tackling seems certain to line up in the centre of the back four with Karen Brown. They should provide a

formidable partnership. Eight of the squad won bronze medals in Barcelina, and for three, Brown, Jill Atkins and Jane Sixsmith. Atlanta will be their third Olympics.

Britain play the Pan-Am champions, Argentina, at Lifleshall on 21/22 Mar. SHBU OR 21/22 M/RIT.

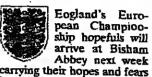
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Adams and Anderton in the running

Football

GLENN MOORE



pean Champiooship hopefuls will arrive at Bisham Abbey next week carrying their hopes and fears hut not, as yet, their passports. Terry Venables, anxious to

give his clutch of crocked centre-halves as much time to prove their fitness as possible, yesterday committed himself only to picking a squad for oext Saturday's Wembley frieodly with Hungary, not the subsequent Far Eastern tour.

The 20-man party, which must be trimmed to the championship 22 by the end of the month, includes two of the recently injured, Tony Adams ond Gareth Southgate, but omits two others, Gary Pallister and Steve Howey.

Encouragingly for Venables, it also includes Darren Anderton, his first and most successful England discovery, and Alan Shearer. Andertoo has played barely a handful of matches for Tottenham this season, but he may have regained his fitness just in time. England have missed his goals and his imagination. Significantly, his return is at the expense of Trevor Sinclair rather than Jason Wilcox, another uncapped play-er hut one who prefers the left

tech case

As for Shearer, he must have a constitution to motch his eye for goal. It is little more than a fortnight since he underwent a groin operation. While it would be stretching a point to say Eng-land have missed his goals - he has not scored at international level for 20 mooths - Venables will be glad of his presence.

His return means that Stan Collymore drops to the list of stand-by players - which should give him an added incentive if any were needed - in Saturday's FA Cup final. At Wembley, he will be facing another player Elister. Unlike Adams, he played for his club at the weekend but, while fit enough to contest titles and cups, he is oot, is

seems, fit enough for friendlies. His omission is ostensibly because there are doubts as to whether he would last the intensive Euro 96 programme. He has been suffering from sciatica and Veoables will speak to Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, before making the final cut. However, given Veoables' adoption of o flexible back-three, he may feel he will be passed over anyway.

Adams, who was expected to play last night in Paul Merson's testimooial, believes he has recovered from a cartilage operation in mid-January, though he will have to wait to see if he feels a reaction from the match to be sure. If fit, he will almost certainly play against Hungary. That was the hint from Venables, who said: "I'm delighted to have Tony and Darreo back. Darreo has always done well at internotional level and has impressed everyooe since his return. The reports I have been getting on Tooy's conditioo have been very encouraging. It is now vital to give both as much

involvement as possible before I have to make up my mind." Venables will speak to Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, about Howey, who has a hamstring problem, before naming his party for the Far East trip next week. At present Southgate is more likely to make the squad.

Venables' plans could yet be disrupted by the FA Cup final. Even without Pallister and Collymore, seven of his squad are involved and o replay - scheduled for Thursday - would rule them out of the Hungary game and, equally important, a week's preparation. Paul Gascoigne will already be missing, he plays for Rangers in the Scottish Cup final that weekeod.

Exactly where Venables will decide his final squad is still in doubt. He made yesterday's selection from Peking where he has been inspecting the notorious Workers' Stadium pitch, on which David Seaman broke his ankle last May. While Venables said there had been "sig-nificant improvement" it still "needed work" before he will

risk his precious squad on it. Ted Buxton, Venables' chief scout, will watch the Chinese play on it next week after which Eng-land will decide if their match, on 23 May, goes ahead. If the pitch fails the test the players will undergo theirs in Hong Kong.

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Party for your to China and Hong Hong, 20 to 27 May, to be announced next week.





England hopefuls: Darren Anderton (left) and Tony Adams are both expected to feature in the friendly against Hungary at Wembley on 18 May

Celtic hint at split from 'poor' league

abolition of relegation. Burns also said the present configuration of four divisions of 10 clubs need-

ed to be reviewed argently. His views on relegation, he said, resulted from the pressure that the current system was exerting on clubs. "I think we should do away with relegation for two or three years and let people play the game as they would like to play it," he said. "Chairmen are putting too

tish football and proposed the he in the Premier League or it : part-time of full-time." will cost them so much money. Two or three clubs are fighting for the championship while the rest are in fear of their Premier

Division lives. That way the fear element creeps in and managers play cautiously to make sure they get something out of the game. An attacking team may go out and defend because they have got to get a point; they are always under intense pressure.

of Scot- times that the clubs have got to and contracts, whether they are Four Two magazine, said:

Burns said he wants to see more exciting football and the opportunity for younger players to develop at their own pace. Removing the fear of relegation for a while would, he believes, allow players a greater freedom to express themselves in the Scottish game.

Meanwhile, Pergus McCann, Celtic's chief executive, has hinted that his club might break away from the Scottish League,

Tommy Burns, the Celtic man-much pressure on their manager, has called for a drastic agers to succeed, insisting at all badly it can affect their salaries it. McCaon, in an interview with ue to be the case. "Td like to see some imaginative thinking. For us it's a quality league or a possible breakaway. Celtic need a conspetitive league

> would be happy with a league we dominate with Rangers, that is McCann also criticised the players, accusing them of causing financial problems for clubs. There is so much greed among

players that most clubs can't

and while people might think we

self. There are too many bad footballers and not enough

good ones. There are too many clubs and not enough spectators. What you have is instant subsidy and dilution. The moncy coming into the game is shared too thinly. "I doo't mind revenue-shar-

ing within a league, so long as it is a good league, and I don't see why we shouldn't think about admitting a team from Dublin and break even, and that has always another from Belfast."

IOC, said: "If there is this degree

of genuine concern, then clear-

ly we will look at the issue. But

at the moment I am quite relaxed

with what the intention of the ex-

ercise is, and we think, on bal-

Roger Black, the double Eu-

ropean 400m champion, ac-

knowledged that most athletes

faced with the new proposal

would feel bound to sign it. "You

don't train for four years and you

are a couple of months away from the Olympics and then you

are told: 'If you don't sign this

to have to sign it. I can't believe

you would get a boycott of

eoough strength for it to be

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The 12 members of the ad hoc

"Basically, athletes are going

piece of paper you can't go'.

ance, no harm will be done."

Bonetti to sue over Laws incident

sport

Ivano Bonetti, the Italian midfield player, is to sue the Grims-by Town manager, Brian Laws, as a result of the notorious dressing-room row that left the striker nursing a broken check-

Bonetti, who had an operation to remove a steel plate from his face yesterday, revealed that he initiated the civil law suit for damages three weeks after February's incident after a game against Lutoo Town.

The 31-year-old former Juventus and Torino player said he was disappointed the club had only fined Laws, who is awaiting oews from the Football Association of a date for their

hearing into the fracas.

The fans deserve the truth."
said Bonetti, who was persuaded to stay at the First Divisioo club after supporters raised £50,000 to keep him for the season.

Bruce Grobhelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, has been dropped from the Zintbabwean squad in give younger players a chance. The newly-ap-pointed Swiss coach, Marc Duvillard, said the 38-year-old Southampton custodian would oot play in Zimbabwe's first World Cup qualifier against Madagascar next month or fea-ture in any other games under his control.

Newcastle supporters will have to pay more to watch their team next season after the elub yesterday announced a 15 per cent increase in season

ticket prices. Supporters of Charlton Athletic are threatening to seek a court injunction preventing next week's First Division play-off semi-final second leg against Crystal Palace from going ahead. Their supporters' club claim Palace's ticket arrangements for their match on 15 May are in hreach of the rules because they have been allocated only 2,883 seats instead of the 6,700 which would constitute the required 25 per cent of ca-

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20,000

The pounds sterling that the members of Manchester United's FA Cup final squad are donating to charity from their Wembley bonus pool. The money will go to the Dunblane Appeal and charities in Manchester.

tribunal have yet to be named -

apart from the British repre-

sentative, Michael Beloff QC -

but an announcement is due to

Tony Morton Hooper, whn

represented Diane Modahl in

her 18-month struggle to over-

turn o doping ban by proving

flawed testing procedure, said

yesterday that no provisioo

would be provided for innocent

athletes to do the same thing un-

tration court is hased oo an as-

sumption that all evidence

provided by IOC accredited

testing laboratories is flawless.

And that, as we have shown, is

Yoshitaka Ito, Japan's 100m

champion, was yesterday sus-

pended for four years after test-

ing positive for a banned steroid.

The Newmarket trainer Ed

he will have his first Classic ruo-

oot always the case," he said.

"The judgment of the arbi-

der the new proposals.

be made within the fortnight.

Lloyd puts spotlight on India

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Worcester India 349-5 dec Worcestershire 18-0

Spying on an enemy is oot unknown to the English for the two have loog been cosy bedfellows. Yet wheo David Lloyd, England's new cricket coach, revealed that part of his "slumpbusting" placs for Eoglish cricket was to video India's every on-field move, the gasp of disbelief at Worcester was so loud it could have carried all the way to St John's Wood.

For a long time oow, England's primitive approach to preparing themselves for the intry renown for picking its play-labelled as the "Luddites" of ersyoung, he may well have felt

world cricket. Under Lloyd, his chance of playing at the high-that reticence is fast changing, est level had passed him by. that reticence is fast changing. and should such an obvious use of modern technology bear fruit against India this summer, the oext tit-for-tat expulsion of diplomats could well come from Modras rather than Moscow.

Mind you, oo the evidence put forward at Worcester yesterday, such measures looked unlikely as India cruised to 349 for 5 as Vikram Rathore virtually secured himself an opening berth with 165, his second century in three days.

Rathore, a tall, bearded 25year-old whose elegant off-side play recalls much of the wristy fluency of a young Zaheer Ab-bas, has yet to play in a Test, having skippered the India A side for the last two years. In a coun-

Selection for a recent one-day tour of Sharjah confirmed him as an assertive player whose positive attitude was noted by the selectors. They apparently

duhbed him - with oot unfaint praise - "Half a Tendulkar". So far he has turned that assessment on its head, having scored two centuries to the little maestro's one. Tendulkar looked below his best and should have gone for five, Alamgir Sheriyar dropping

a miscued pull off Stuart Lampin at mid-on. Given a second chance, the Indian vice-captain scored 52, playing some oudacious shots on the up before a mishit ended in David Leatherdale's hands at cover. According to David Lloyd. Tendulkar is a "top-level in-

ternational performer", though he added that England also had one or two of those. "So they can worry about us, too."

On a slow but true batting pitch, little that Worcestershire had to offer worried the tourists' batting line-up. Only the left-arm seamer Sheriyar, with 3 for 64, was involved in dismissals with any merit in a generally sloppy performance. Rathore was caught off a oo-ball on 18, and three catches were spilled, including Mohammad Azbaruddin, who, like his vicecaptain, made the most of it to complete a brisk half-century.

Unless Graeme Hick or Tom Moody can get going in spades today, the home side will have oo chance of collecting the £7500 Tetley is putting up for county sides who manage to beat the tourists.

SPORTING DIGEST

BOA backs Atlanta tribunal plan Olympic Games their basic right to natural justice. Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman who is also a member of the

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The British Olympic Associatioo last night attempted to quell competitors' fears over controversial plans for an independent tribunal to rule conclusively on all disciplinary cases at the Atlanta Games.

Competitors and their representatives have reacted anxiously to the recently unveiled policy of the Internotional Olympie Committee, which requires all those taking part in the Games to abide by the decision of an ad hoc Court of Arbitration for Sport and to waive their legal rights of appeal. However, a statement issued

by the BOA said: "The BOA would not support any course of action which denies [the athletes]

The aim is for a dispute to be resolved as quickly as possible to the satisfaction of all parties.

"It is a condition of entry to the Games that disputes are re-ferred for final determination to the CAS. But this in no way constitutes a denial of the right to a fair hearing, the right to have legal or other representation, or the right to put forward evidence relevant to a complainant's case."

The BOA says that complicated cases, possibly involving scientifie evidence, could be referred away from the Games to formal CAS hearings outside the Olympie period for the necessary detailed study. The BOA believes com-

petitors should feel more confident, oot less, about an appeal hefore an independent panel," the statement said.

EVENING RACING RESULTS 8.10: 1. KING OF SHADOWS Mr. S. Pri-or) 25-1; 2. The Yokel 14-1; 3. Tarry Avidle 11-4. 9 ran. 6-15 fav A Windy Citzen. 7: 17. Mass G. Carden). Tete: 124-80; 53-40, £1.10, £1.10. Duel Forecast: £159.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £258.14. Tho: £28.00.

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Forecast: £22.90, Computer Straight Forecast: £32.08. Totalst: £1.49.44.

of Alex Scott, is happy to pitch last Friday's five-length Newmarket maideo winner into the French equivalent of the 1000 Guineas. Ta Rib has come out of her win at Newmarket very well," Dunlop said,"I was delighted with how she won, particularly turning over the Godolphin 'hotpot', Fatefully, and Willie Carson was very pleased with her. "It is a major step up in class but Sheikh Hamdan wants her to run and t doo't think she will be disgraced. She will be stepping up in trip and we don't know whether she will stay as her pedigree is a bit of a mixture. It will be a very exciting weekend as on Saturday Cadeaux Tryst runs in the Amethyst Stakes at Leopardstown He ran very well when he was third under 10st in the Spring Cap at Newbury and is in very good form. He is very high in the handicap and it would be nice to pick up a List. ed race with him.

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The Chicago Bulls celebrated Phil Jackson's Coech of the Year A day by giving him his fifth successive play-off victory and a two games to none lead over the New York Knicks in their Eastern Conference semi-final series.

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Tim Dendy, from Tennessee, will be the next opponent for Joe Calzagne, the British super-middleweight champion. The non-title light will be over 10 rounds at the Star Leisure Centre in Cardiff nex Wednesday. Catzagne will share top billing with Rob McCracken, the Commonwealth middleweight champion from Birmingham, whose opponent is nother American, Glen Odem, from

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Regby League Rochutalle Hornets have sacked their coach, Steve Gason, ether taking just one point from their first ax games of the First.

The Wigan charman, Jack Roberson, and his fellow-director, John Martin, ap-peared at Wigan Megistrates Court yes-terds, charged with consoline to defauld the Wigan Observer newspaper. The case was adjourned until 12 June.

The International Tennis Federation have agreed to sanction the Hopman Cup mixed team tournament, previously an exhibition event staged in Perth in the lead-up to the Australian Open each January. Their initial agreement is for

January. Their initial agreement is for three years with a view to further involvement in the future.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

ICIS LEAGUE Carlton Trophy final: Barstea v Carney Island (7.0) [at Aveley). NORTH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE Floodist JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Promier Divi-place Harwich & Perkeston v Cornett (7.30).

T.30: 1. ISSNIN (R Canny) 6-1; 2. Ear-lymening Light 6-4 (av. 8. Strong Sound 8-1. 7 (av. 14. 14. IM W Eastorly). Total 27-30; 52.70. £1.60. Dual Forecast £6.20. Computer Straight Forecast; £17.10. The ast. £73.75. NR: All's. Allis.

ner on Sunday when he sends Th Rib to Longchamp for the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches The trainer, who took over the reins at Gains-borough Stables after the murder computer Straight Forecast: £42.05. Tho:

Players' threat to set up own **England team**

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

The Rugby Football Union was last night confronted with the possibility of an insurrection by its own England players if the other countries of the Five Nations proceed with their threat - now imminent as well as real - to remove the RFU from the Five Nations' Championship.

Martin Bayfield, the Lions lock who this season became one of the first full-time rugby union professionals, issued the warning on behalf of his team-mates after representatives of Wales, Scotland, Ireland and France had deliberately excluded the English from a late-night meeting at a Heathrow hotel while they plotted their strategy.

First, it became clear that the other countries were prepared to exclude England from a four-nation competition to be played nome and away each season, because of the RFU's insistence on breaking the tradition of the home unions' jointly negotiating their Five Nations television contract.

Then it became clear that, in those circumstances, the England players would set themselves up independently, ready to play on once the new TV contract comes into force at the start of the 1997-98 season.

"If the RFU tried to prevent us from playing rugby, then I wouldn't be surprised if the play-ers got together and said we will play as England but under another hanner," Bayfield said.

"The RFU have to he careful that they don't take away from the players their aims and ambitions. The players will play for England no matter who is calling the shots. We want to play for England and we want to play

Five Nations rugby."
In Bayfield's case this desire is exacerbated by the loss of his England place this season at the age of 29. With the RFU's other dispute with the senior clubs still unresolved, a clubs' breakaway could lead to an alternative England team.

Indeed Epruc, the English clubs' umbrella organisation, is understood to be on the point of announcing it has agreed its own contracts with the England players - with the appropriate elease clauses for international matches - so the RFU's po-

sition is weakening almost daily.

You are taking away the reason wby people play rugby," Bayfield said. "I am a profes-sional player now. If someone turned round and said you can't play Five Nations rugby are setting something up whereby you can play and it's recognised by the other unions, then I would play for them." Yesterday Tony Hallett, the

RFU secretary, was trying to persuade the other home unions that individually negotiated TV contracts would be good for everyone. He had hoped BSkyB's separate five-year offers - thought to be £61m to England and roughly the same to the others put together - would already have done this for him.

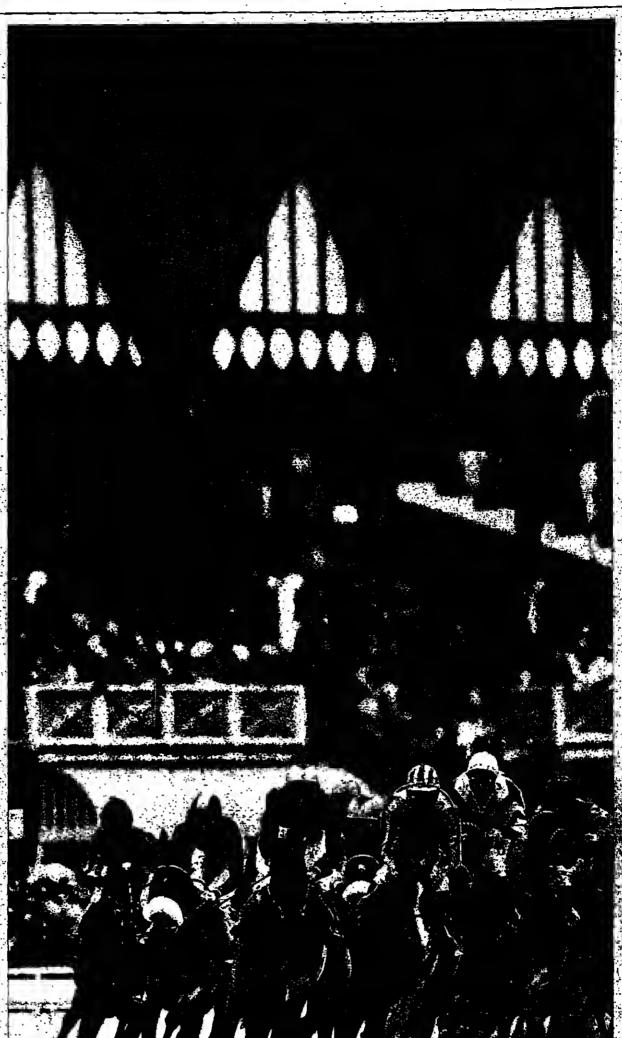
"I am sure that, once they can see what offers are put on the table, we can come to some compromise, but we are dutybound to look after our own country's interests as best we can without being selfish or greedy," Hallett said, ignoring the fact that Sky's various offers are already on the table and have

therefore been seen. "England are trying to sell something they don't own," Ray Williams, one of the We'sh representatives, said last night. 'If England refuse to climb down we either have to carry out our threat not to play them or shut up. It has to be equal shares

Hallett believes alternative internationals would be available to England even though the southern-hemisphere countries have told the RFU that their post-Christmas fixture-lists are too congested. The situation is further complicated by the clubs' resolve to run their own European competitions next season.

One of them, Leicester, have agreed contracts with the England forwards, Martin Johnson and Neil Back, to add to those of their front-row forwards and the new signings, Austin Healey and Craig Joiner. However, Niall Malone, Richie Robinson, Wayne Kilford, Jamie Hamilton, Chris Tarbuck, Aadel Kardooni and Andy McAdam are being courted by other clubs.

Neil Back will face an RFU disciplinary committee after his alleged push on the referee at the end of Saturday's Pilkington



Round the bend: Runners in yesterday's Chester Cup, won easily by a horse called Merit, sweep round the tight turns of Britain's oldest racecourse; Racing, page 21:

Open in five-year deal with **BBC**

TIM GLOVER

The Open Championship will continue to be shown on BBC television for the next five years. The Royal and Ancient yesterday announced they had signed a new and extended contract which will guarantee coverage of the world's oldest major championship on terrestrial TV

until 2001.
Michael Bonallack, secretary of the R and A, said: "We are delighted that the long and happy relationship between the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and the BBC continues. It means that millions of viewers can still enjoy live coverage of the Open Championship into the next century. Prior to this announcement there had been speculation that the committee were considering switching to satellite coverage whereas in re-ality this was never a factor in our deliberations."

This represents an extraor-dinary about face by Bonallack. who earlier in the year said the R and A were very interested in doing a deal with Sky adding. "Our policy is to put money back into golf. We could use more money to mivest but we can't get it unless we show the Open on satellite TV." He also said that no decision would be made until the BBC's current four-year contract had expired after the 125th Open at Royal

Lytham in July.

Sky had offered £25m for a five-year deal whereas the BBC's old contract was secured for less than a million. The R and A has clearly succeeded in coercing more money from the BBC al-though last night both parties were coy about the figures. "We never discuss the sums in-Been said: Jonathan Martin. head of BBC TV Sport, said: The Open is a hige landmark in every sporting summer and we are delighted to have ensured that coverage will be available to the entire British public." Although the Open is the flagship of the BBC's golf coverage, convoy with the loss of the Ryder Cup and a host of European Tour events to Sky. The timing of the new deal coincides with Sky's announcement that it had gained exclusive rights to the US Open and the US PGA to the turn of the century.

The Open was not one of the nation's "listed" events - the Olympic Games, the World Cup, Testcricket, Wimbledon, the Grand National, the Derby, the FA Cup final and the Scottish FA Cup final - prevented by current legislation from being broadcast on pay per view television.

Sampras weeps for his coach

Pete Sampras hroke down in membered as a consummate tears on Tuesday at the funer- tennis teacher, a fierce comal of Tim Gullikson, who died last week. Sampras, who was paying tribute to his coach, said he owed his No 1 world ranking and his seven Grand Slam titles to Gullikson.

said. "Even in his sickness, he was upbeat.

Sampras was one of the pallbearers at Gullikson's funeral, cancer at the age of 44.

attended by around 650 people in Wheaton, Illinois, 30 miles from Chicago, Gullikson was repetitor and a friendly figure who loved to chat with anyone who would listen.

Apart from Sampras, the service was attended by Andre Agassi, Jim Courier, Mary Joe "He taught me how to com- Fernandez, Aaron Krickstein pete and how to win. Sampras and many other luminaries from the world of tennis who were paying their last respects to Gullikson, who died of hrain

He also coached Fernandez. Krickstein and Martina Navritilova after a doubles career that carried Gullikson and his twin. Tom, to the Wimbledon final in

Tom Gullikson told the worshipers that his twin and douhles partner "was always fun to be around. In my 44 years, I never had a boring day with him". Others players present at the service included Todd Mar-

tin, Brad Gilbert, Patrick McEnroe and David Pate as well as the veterans Jose Higueras and Stan Smith.

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Third hernia operation for Everton's Ferguson

Football

Duncan Ferguson, the Everton striker, is to have a third hernia operation in an attempt to cure the problem that has trouhled him for more than a year.

Ferguson and Everton had hoped that rest would be the cure after he was pulled out of Scotland's Euro 96 squad. It has now been decided that surgery is the only answer for the former Rangers player. Ferguson, who had his first operation before last season's FA Cup Final, is to have the surgery in two weeks' time.

been put up for sale less than a month after winning the Auto Windscreen Shield at Wembley. Chairman Ken Booth, aged 75, who rescued the Second Di-

vision club in 1987, announced that he will retire and has put his 86 per cent controlling interest on the market.

The club celebrated its most famous day last month when they beat Shrewsbury in the Shield final on their first appearance at Wembley.

The defender Paddy Atkinson returns after gashing a knee to bolster York City's defence for their relegation cliffhanger at Brighton this morning. York will beat the drop and condemn Carlisle United to the Third Division if they pick up a point, or even eeks' time. Scotc three goals in defeat, Rotherham United have against the already-relegated south coast side.

The game is being restaged with an 11am kick-off after the original fixture on 27 April was abandoned when Brighton fans

rioted over proposals to leave the Goldstone Ground, Carlisle are furious that the game will take place after the completion of all other Second Division fixtures, saying York have an un-fair advantage because they know what they have to do to

avoid the trapdoor. The Cumbrian club's chief executive, Michael Knighton, has threatened legal action against the Endsleigh League. York expect to he backed by around 400 supporters, who have been given free tickets by

Trevor Phillips, who brought sponsorship to the FA Cup and the England national team, has resigned as the Football Association's commercial director after "professional differences" with senior Lancaster Gate of-licials.

Steaua relive their finest hour

Romanian supporters relived the brightest moment of the darkest days of Communist rule on Tuesday with a rematch of Steaua Bucharest's 2-0 victory over Barcelona in a penalty shoot-out at the end of

army team's stadium to watch a 1-1 draw. Steaua fielded the same side, a handful of whom are still playing at the highest level, while Barcelona flew in the entire 1986 team, apart from Berndt Schuster and Terry Venables, who was the Spanish team's coach.

The crowd's hero, as he was 10 years ago, was the Romani-ans' modest 37-year-old goalkeeper, Helmut Ducadam, who saved four penalties in the orig-

inal match.

goalmouth," he recalled on nesday.

He added: "God gave me a great inspiration but experience told me where the Spanish players would shoot."

Ilie Nastase, the former tennis player, kicked the match off and later Steaua honoured the contribution of Ceausescu's son. Valentin, who helped the

manian international forward and one of Steaua's leading players, said: "I'm sure that without Valentin, Steams would

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